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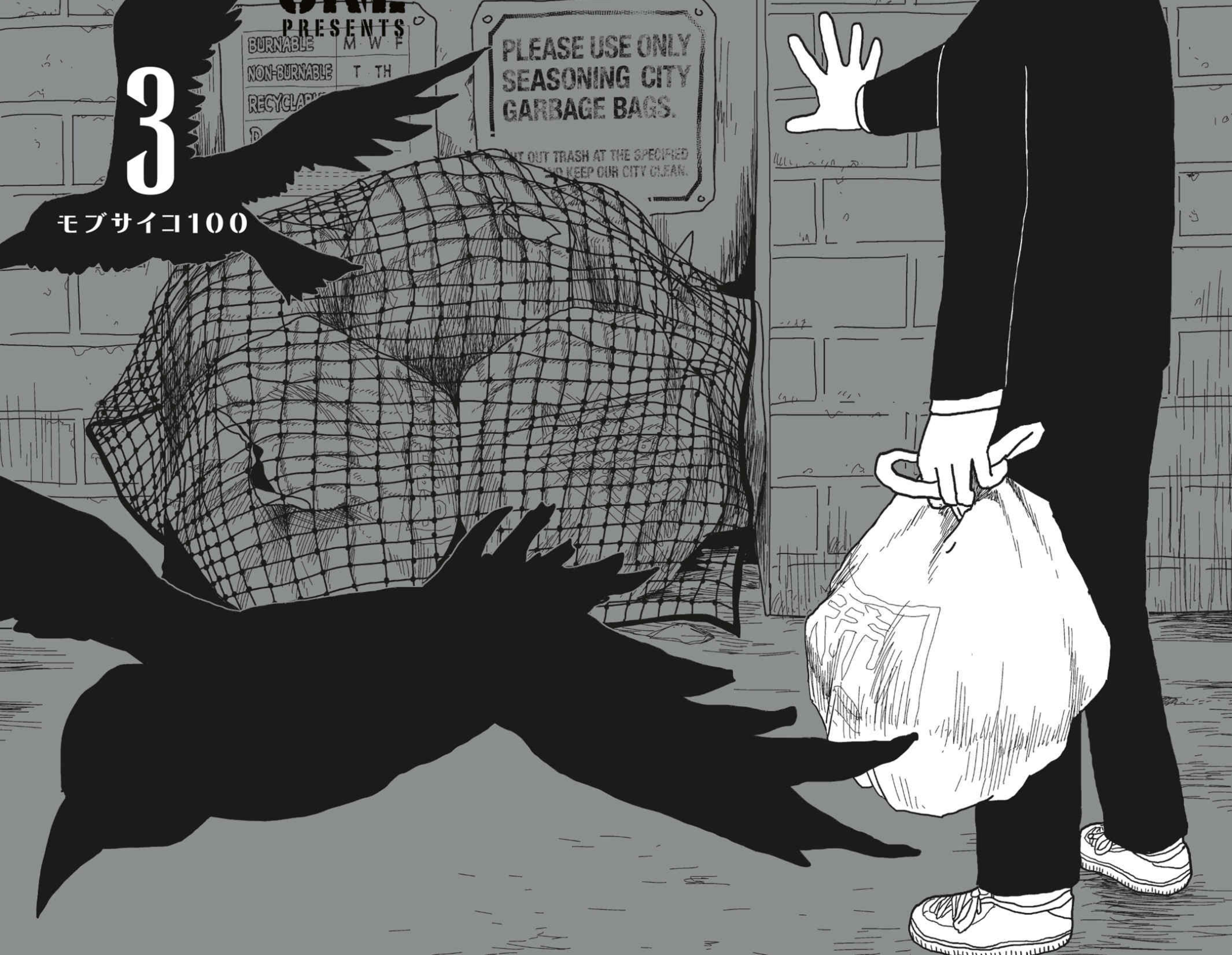

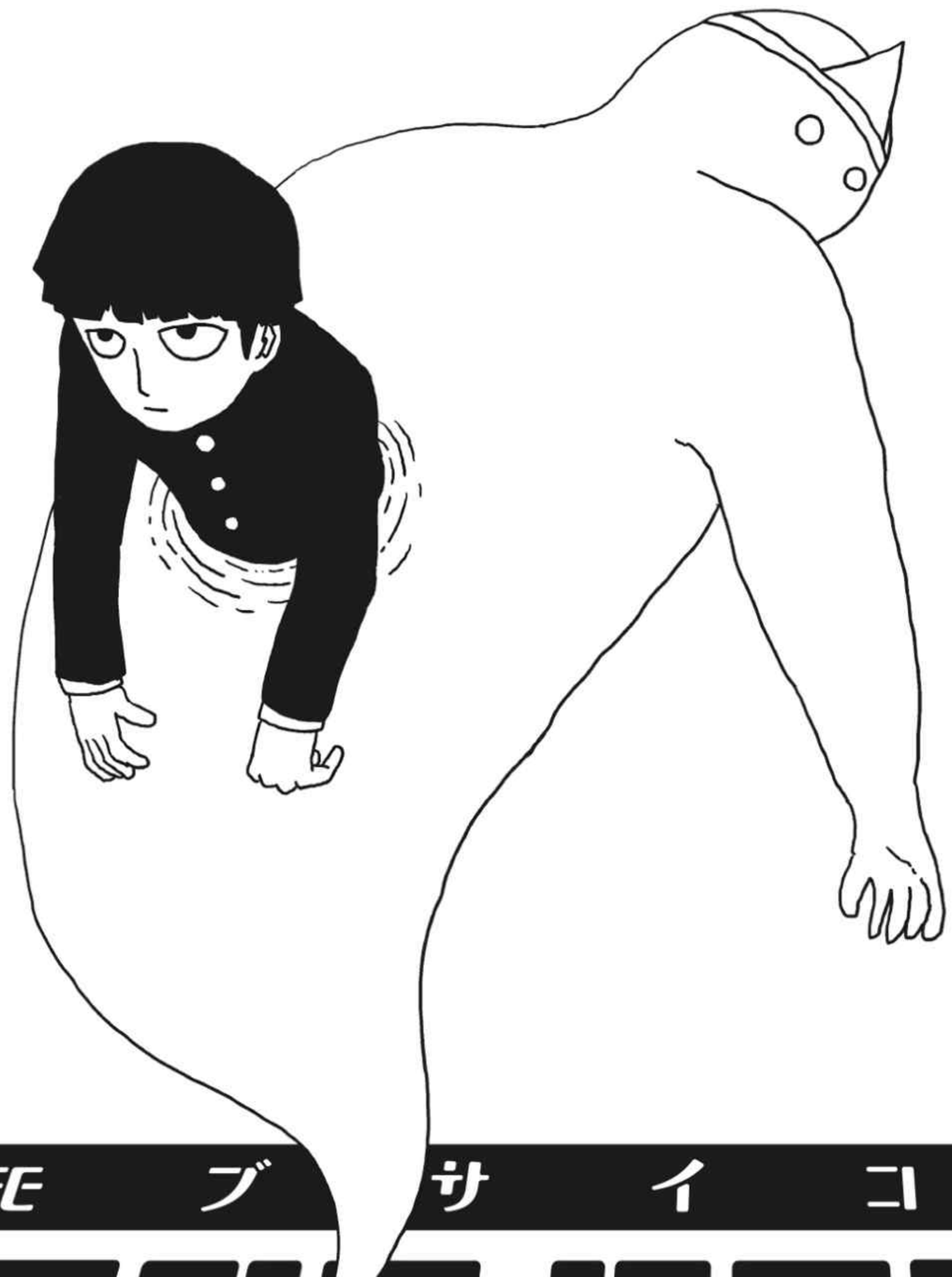

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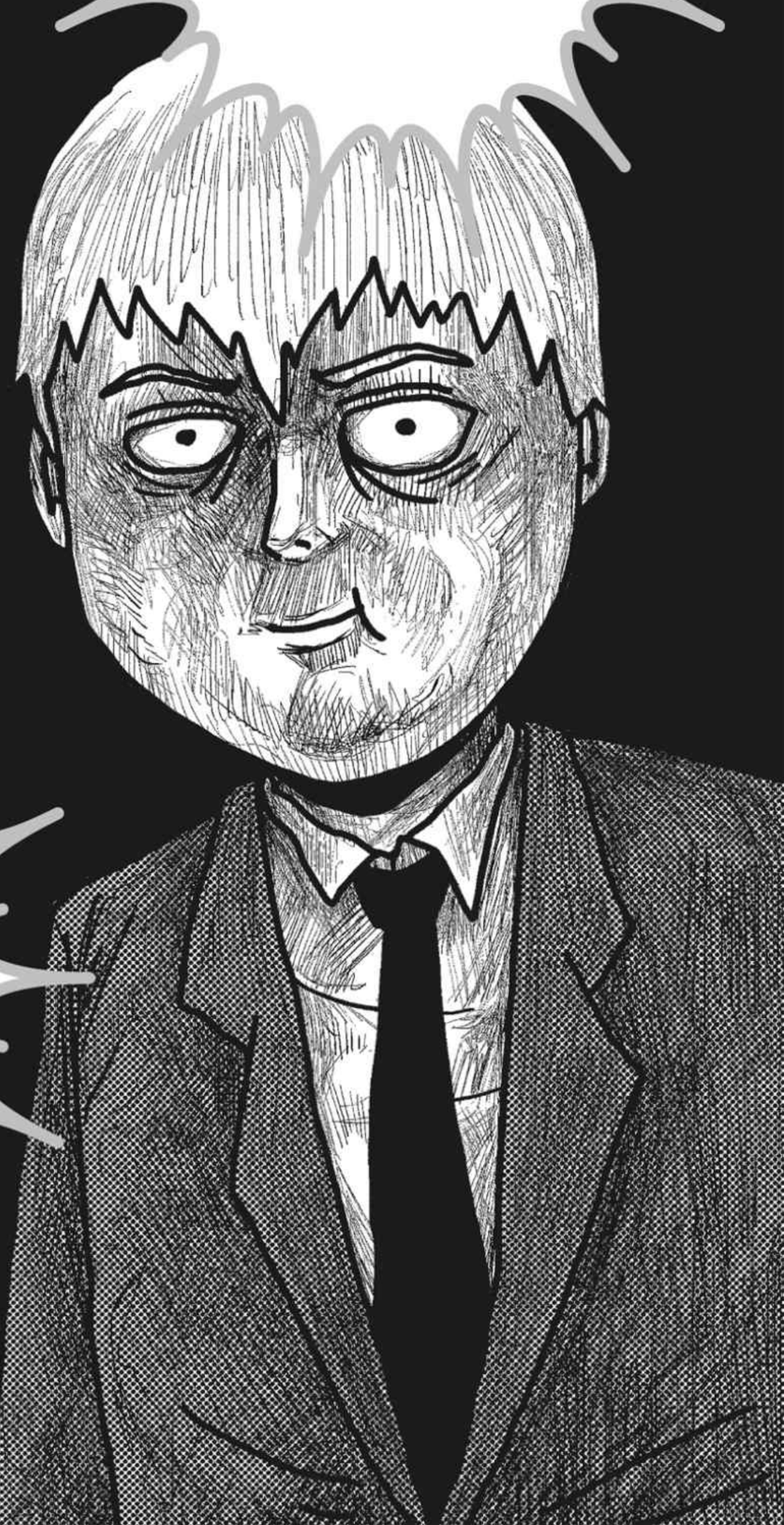

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CHAPTER 18:
TRUE IDENTITY UNKNOWN

IS HE COMING FOR ME ...?

IS HE FINALLY FIRED UP?

GOOD !!

SO YOU COULDN'T STICK TO YOUR CONVIC-TIONS!

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stare

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glare

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shiver

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ULTIMATE BARRIER !!!

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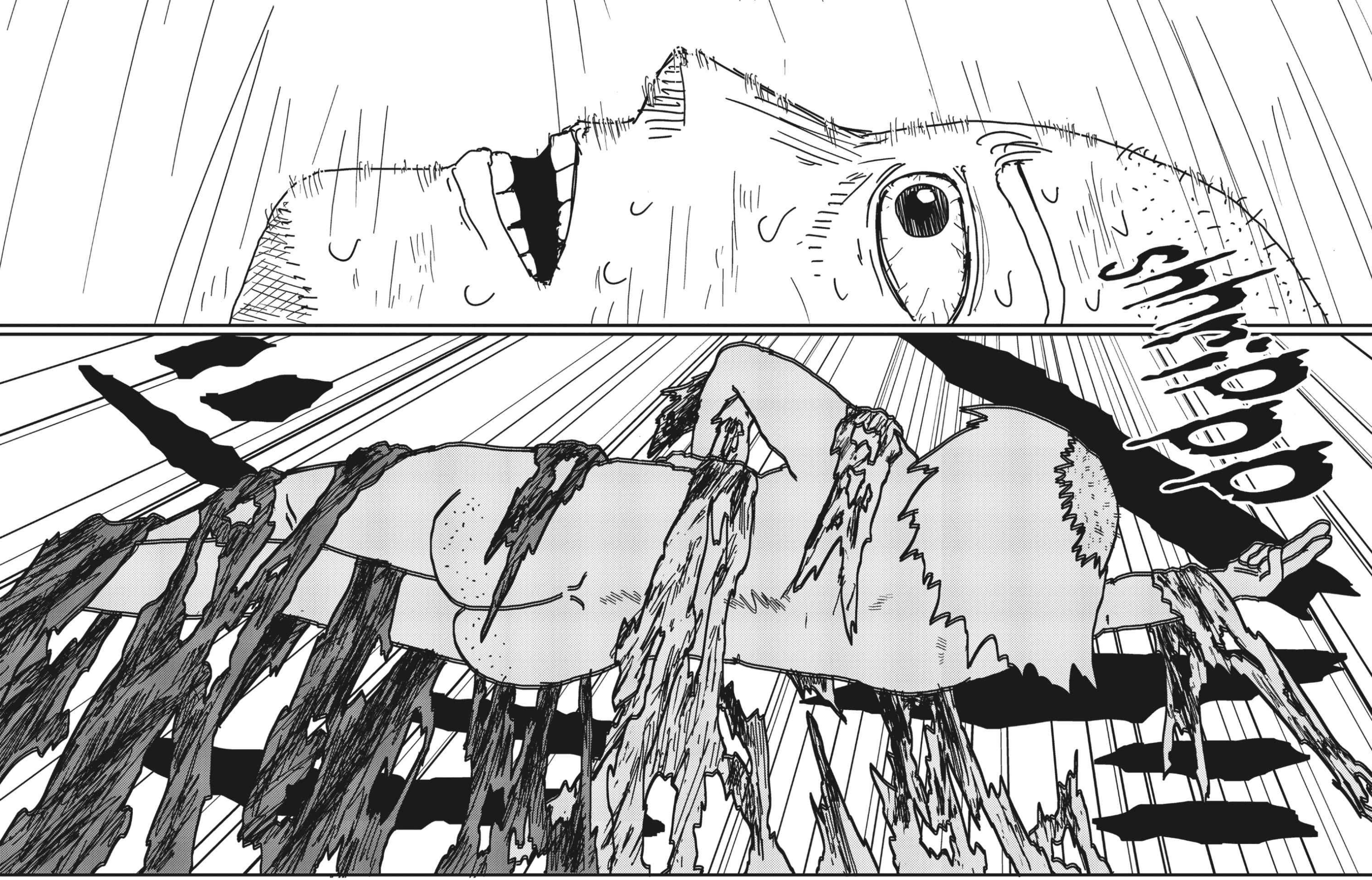
WWEEf

IS THIS IT ...?!


SHOOT

URK

AGHH!!

KRAKOOM

GHH...
HEH
HEH...
HEH
HEH
HEH...
GAH
HA HA
!!!

GHH...NNGHH...

HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA!!!

YOU USED THEM, KAGE-YAMA-AAA ...!!!

YOU USED THEM AGAINST PEOPLE, TOO!!

AND AFTER ALL YOUR NOBLE TALK...!

YOU COULDN'T STAND IT ANYMORE, AND YOU USED YOUR SUPER-POWERS...! HAHAHAHA HAHAHA!!!

IS HE UNCON-SCIOUS ...?!

HE'S... NOT EVEN LOOKING AT ME ?!

...WHAT THE --?

IN THE END, YOU'RE --

...COULD IT HAVE ACTI-VATED BY REFLEX ...?

IS SUCH A THING POS-SIBLE ...?

SO THEN WHAT THE HELL IS THIS POWER ...?

IF HE'S NOT DOING IT FROM MALICE OR INTENT...

WHAT THE ...?!

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...HE'S GATHERING ENERGY FROM THE ATMOSPHERE ITSELF ...!!

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zzzttt

zzzttt

NO... THAT'S NOT ALL...

zzzttt

zzzttt

zzzttt

KAGEYAMA IS SUCKING IN MY POWER ...!

...BUT HIS SELF-IDENTITY NOW IS ABSENT... GONE.

SO HE HAS THE CAPACITY TO ABSORB SUCH MAMMOTH ENERGY...

BUT...

THAT CAPACITY IS ACTING OF ITS OWN ACCORD ...?

THEN HE CAN'T BE THAT BIG A THREAT...

WHICH MEANS, IN THIS STATE...

TERU COULD SENSE IN THERE...

...SOMETHING WHICH MUST NOT BE TOUCHED.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

...WHOSE TRUE IDENTITY REMAINED UNKNOWN.

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FWOOOO
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FWOOOOO
RRMBL
RRMBL
RRMBL

FLKRAK

FWAAHHH
ズズズズ
RMB
RMB
RMB
NO WAY ...!
WHAT THE HELL ...?
RMBB
RMBB
RMBB
RMBB

ROAARR

ROAARR

RMBBL

RMBBL

...DID HE END UP AWAKENING ...?!

...AHHH!

RMBB

RMBB

AGGH...

RMBBL!!

RMBBL!!

RMBBL!!

GYAAAAAH!

I WON'T USE...

RMBBL!!

I GET IT! I WAS WRONG!!

RMBBL!!

RMBBL!!

ENOUGH ALREADY!

RMBBL!!

...MY POWERS...

RMBBL

RMBBL

RMBBL

RMBBL

RMBBL

RMBBL

...ANY-
MORE...

...AGAINST
PEOPLE...

...so I was just...

Ah...

...an average person...

...after all.

THE SCHOOL-HOUSE THAT SHOULD HAVE STOOD THERE HAD VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE.

MOB REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS... AND REALIZED WHAT HAD OCCURRED.

MOB DOESN'T UNDER-STAND WHAT CAUSED HIM TO GO THIS FAR.

ALL HE CAN SEE IS THE AFTER-MATH.

SELF-LOATH-ING...

...A SENSE OF DISMAY ...

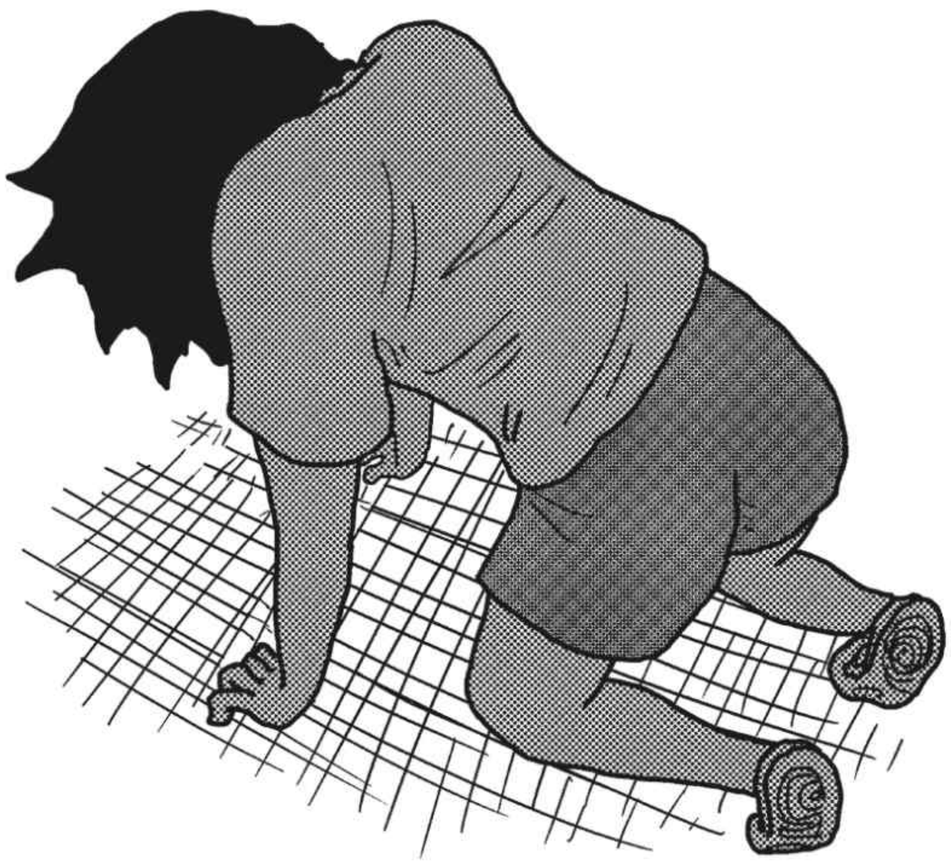
...AND MORE.

THE REA-SONS FOR HIS TEARS ...

...WERE TRAUMA ...

COWARDICE...

HE HAD FAILED TO CHANGE HIMSELF.



HE HAD CAUSED AN INCIDENT WITH HIS SUPER-POWERS.

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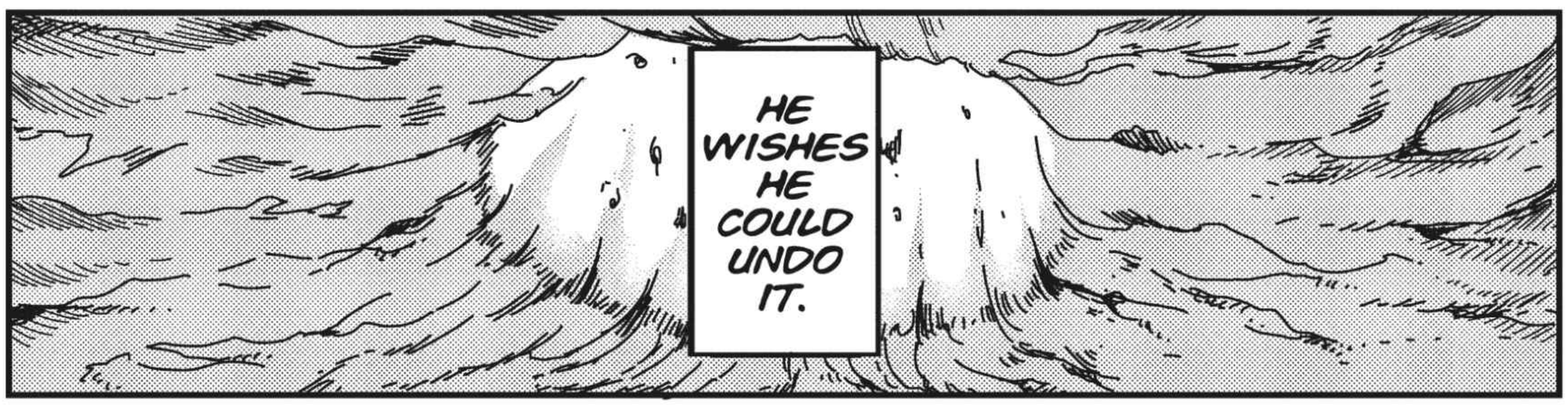
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO VENT THESE FEELINGS.

THE TEARS WILL NOT STOP.


HE WISHES HE COULD UNDO IT.

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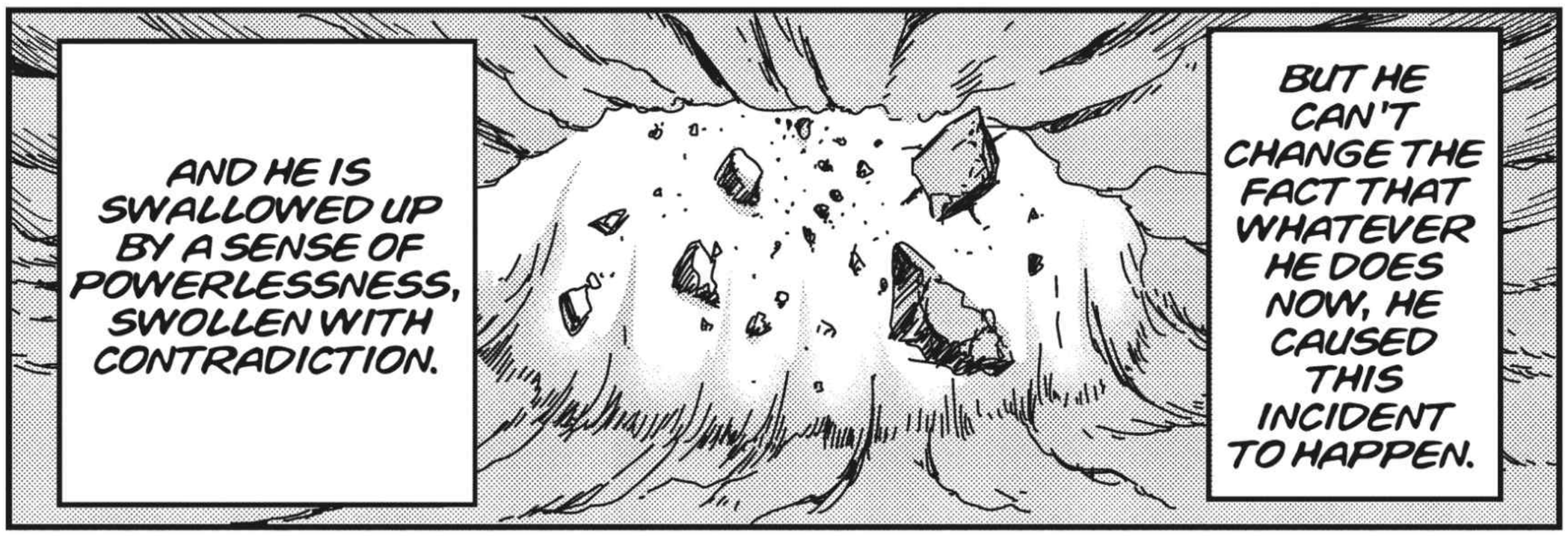
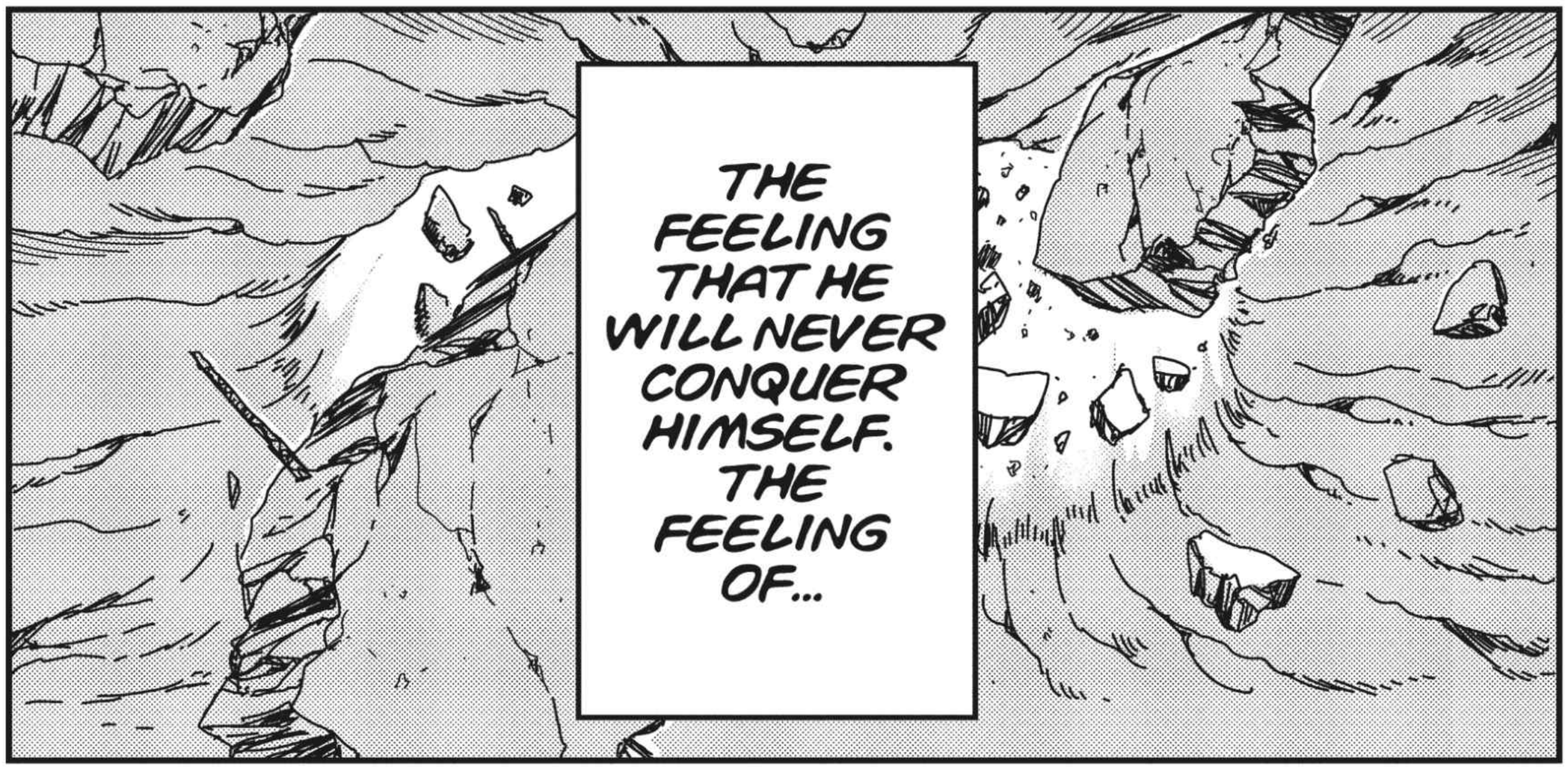

AND HE IS SWALLOWED UP BY A SENSE OF POWERLESSNESS, SWOLLEN WITH CONTRADICTION.
BUT HE CAN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT WHATEVER HE DOES NOW, HE CAUSED THIS INCIDENT TO HAPPEN.


THE FEELING THAT HE WILL NEVER CONQUER HIMSELF. THE FEELING OF...

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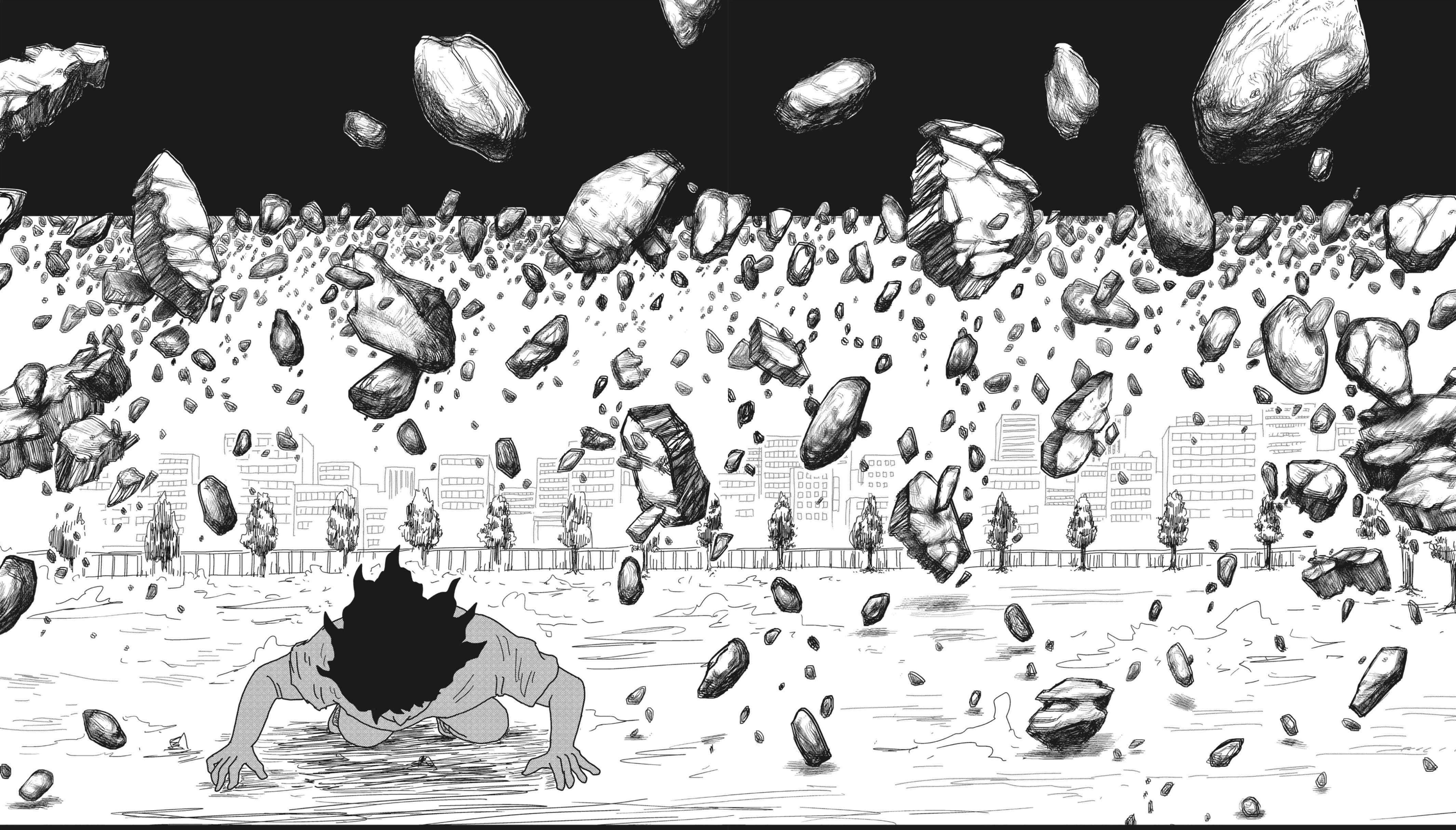

...SADNESS.

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krashh
krakk
snapp
krrch
krrch
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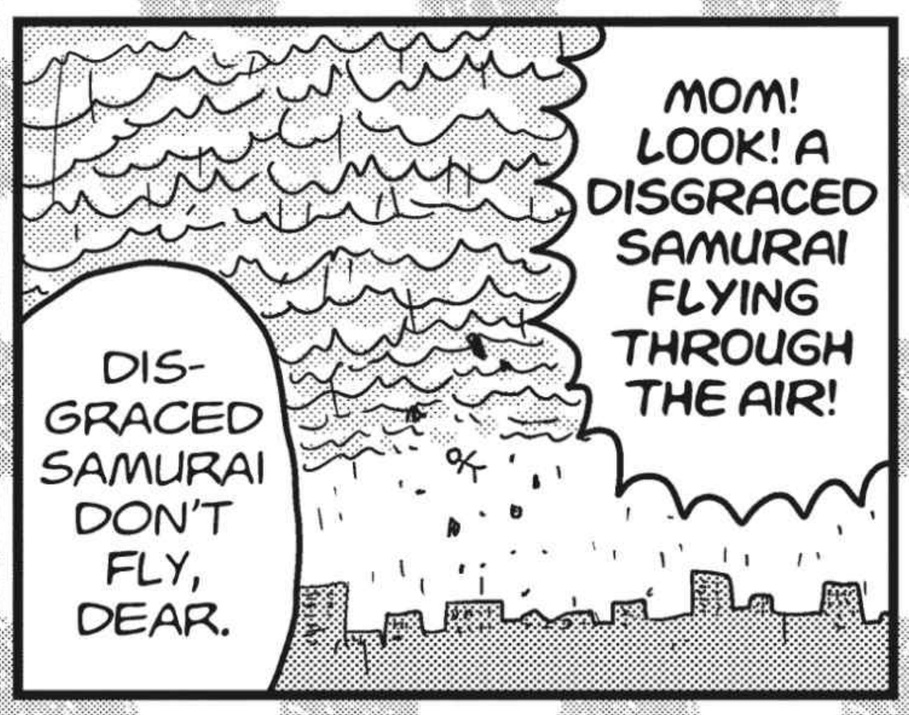
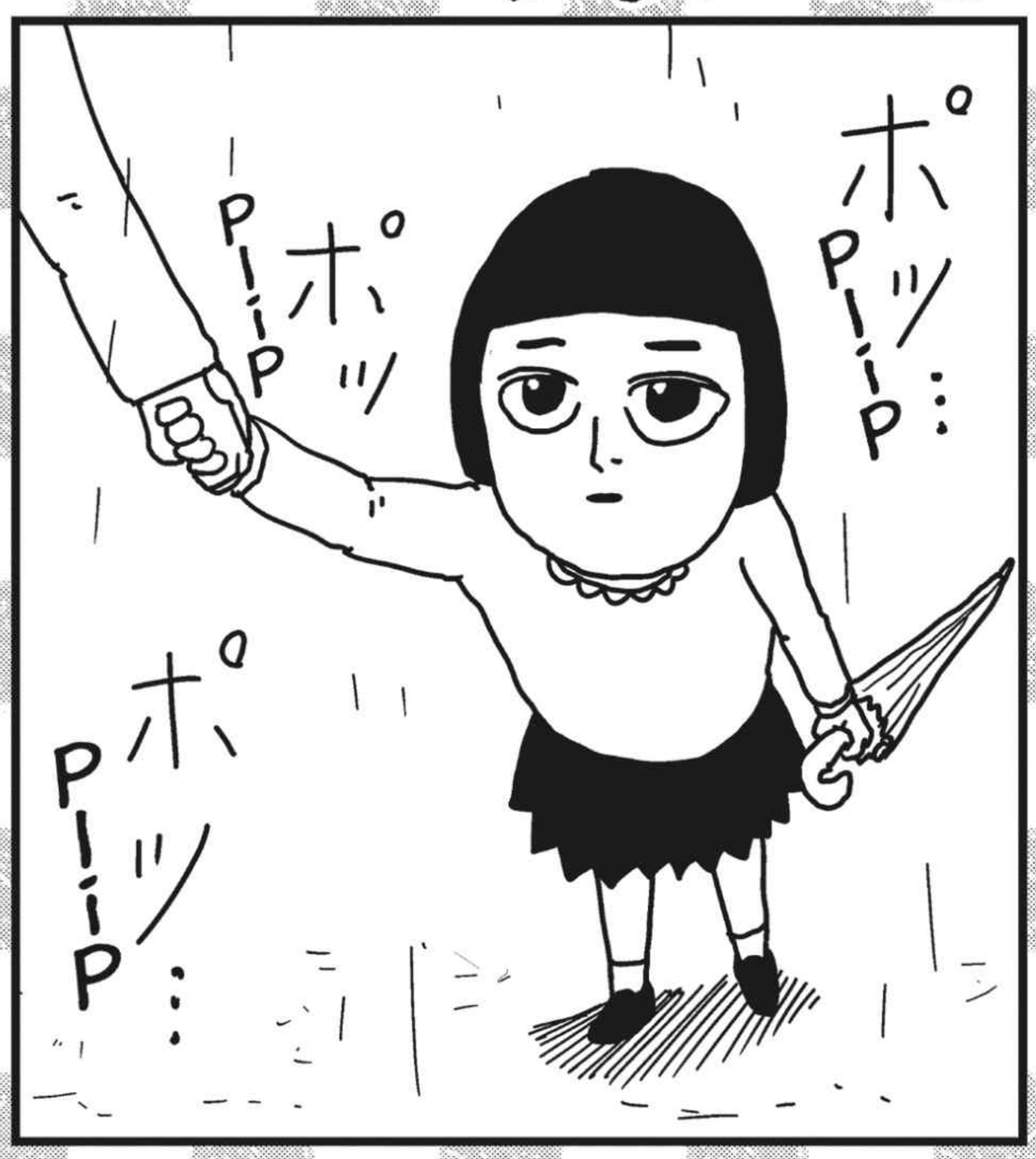
krrch
krrch
krrch
THIS ACT WAS MOB'S...
...MEAGER RESISTANCE AGAINST HIMSELF...

...BUT LATER ON...

...IT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT PHENOMENON THAT WOULD ENDURE IN THE LEGENDS OF PSYCHO-HELMETISM.

Bonus


MOM! LOOK! A DISGRACED SAMURAI FLYING THROUGH THE AIR!
DIS-GRACED SAMURAI DON'T FLY, DEAR.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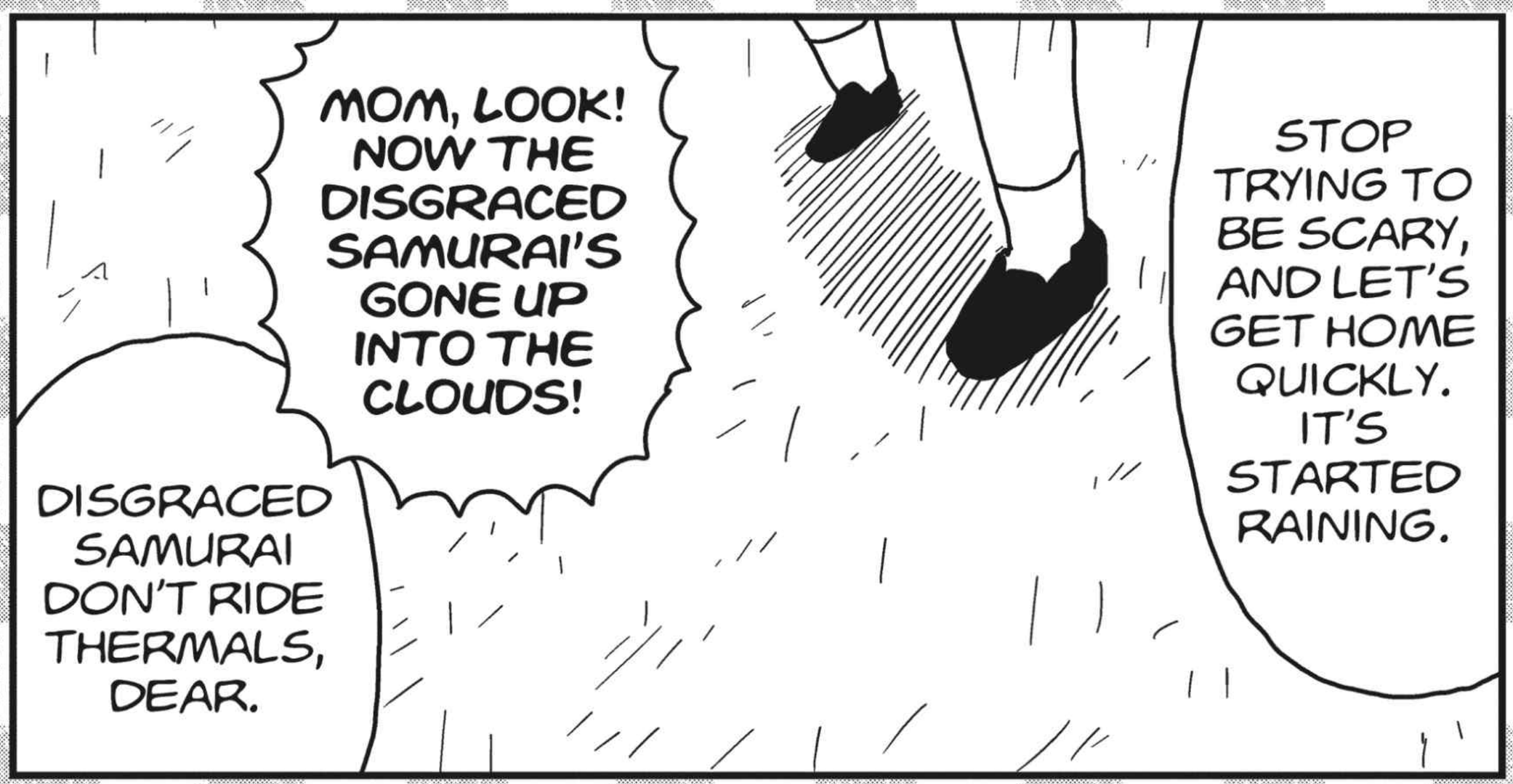
MOM, LOOK! NOW THE DISGRACED SAMURAI'S GONE UP INTO THE CLOUDS!
DISGRACED SAMURAI DON'T RIDE THERMALS, DEAR.
STOP TRYING TO BE SCARY, AND LET'S GET HOME QUICKLY. IT'S STARTED RAINING.

CHAPTER 19: CONCLUSION

I SAID I WON'T ...

W-WAIT, KAGE-YAMA...

じり step

...

TERU!!

WHERE'D TERU GO...?!

のそっ wobble

UGH... owwww ...

HEY... WHO WON THE FIGHT ...?

UM...

...HUH?!

WHAT THE HELL?!

HEY!

I THINK THAT'S TERU OVER THERE! HIS MAGNIF-ICENT HAIR BLOWIN' IN THE WIND...

TERU MUST'A WHUPPED HIS ASS!

WHAT THE HELL WENT DOWN ...?

SO THEN WE WON ...?

kkkrakkkoom!

カッカーアーン

THE GUY FROM THE OTHER SCHOOL CUT A PATH OF DESTRUC-TION!

GAAAAHHH! HE LOST THE FIGHT !!

ALL OF YOU ...

...I NEED SOME HELP--

Waaaaaahh!

ESCAPE WHILE HE'S THRASH-ING HANA-ZAWA!!

SORRY ABOUT... STUFF...

HE WON'T BE DOING THAT TO MY HAIR...!

RUN AWAY !

...

plip

...ASS-HOLES.

plip plip plip

YOU'RE ALL JUST GONNA LEAVE ME...?

IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID...TAKE AWAY OUR SUPER-POWERS AND WE'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT.

hmph

HUH. YOU SEE THAT, KAGE-YAMA ...?

AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU...?!

plip

OH... IT'S YOU ALL...

ARE YOU OKAY ...?!

KAGE-YAMA!

...DID YOU DO THAT TO HIM...?

KAGE-YAMA...

ARE YOU HURT ...?

I'M NOT HURT OR ANYTHING. I'M FINE...

...

...HEY, KAGE-YAMA.

CHIEF MUSA-SHI...

...

LET'S GET BACK, AND DO THOSE SQUATS...!

...ALL RIGHT, THEN...

GOOD...

...I WAS CRUSHED COM-PLETELY.

I'VE GOT NO EXCUSE...

HEH
HEH
HEH...

...STOOD ME UP, EH? YOU'RE JUST FULL OF SURPRISES ...

...AREN'T YOU, MOB...?!

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ポッ plipッ
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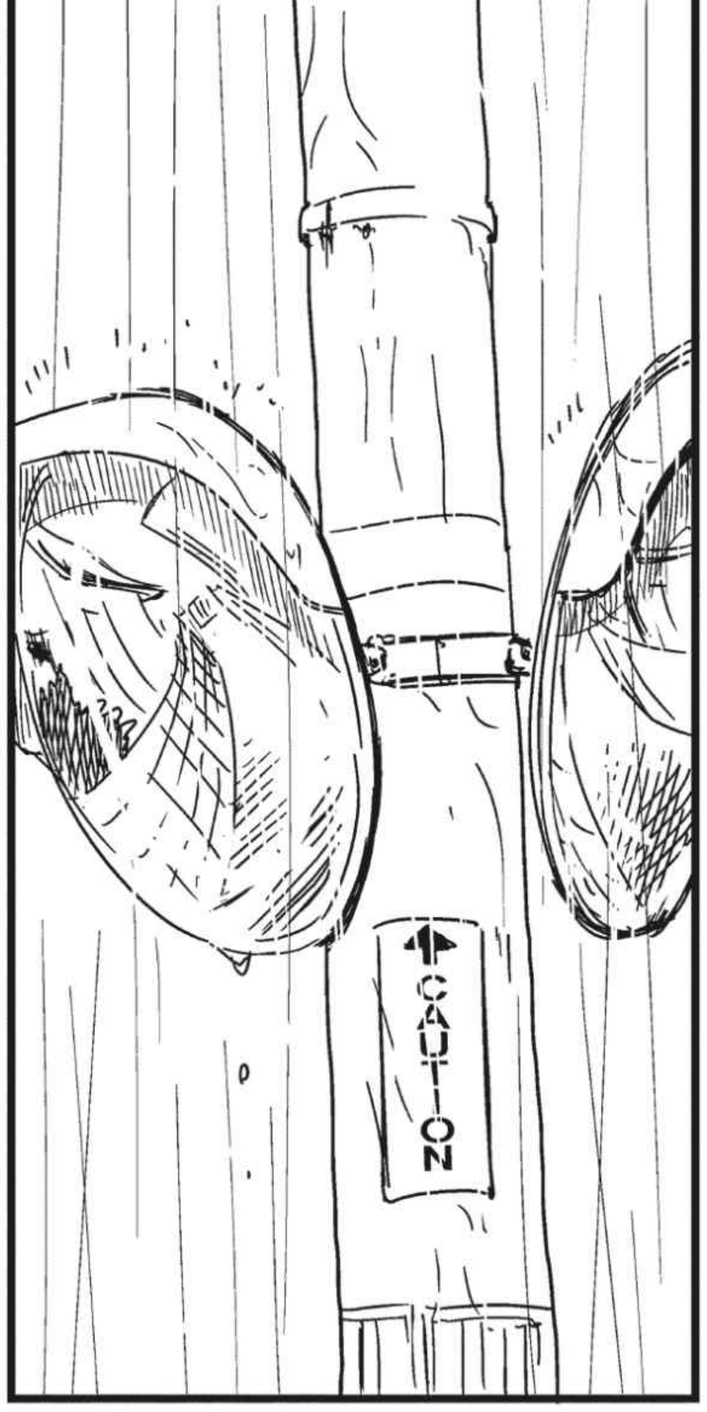
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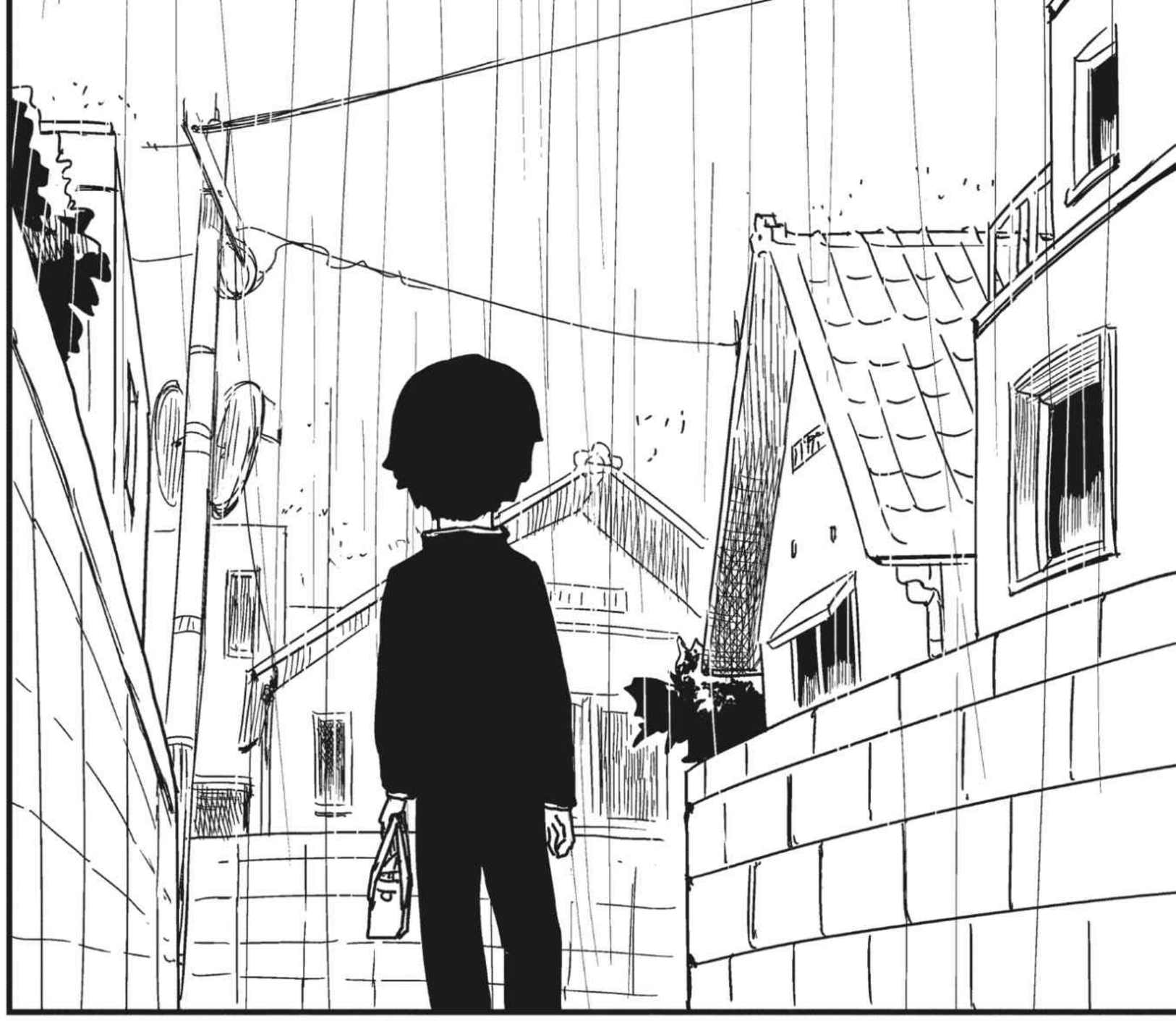

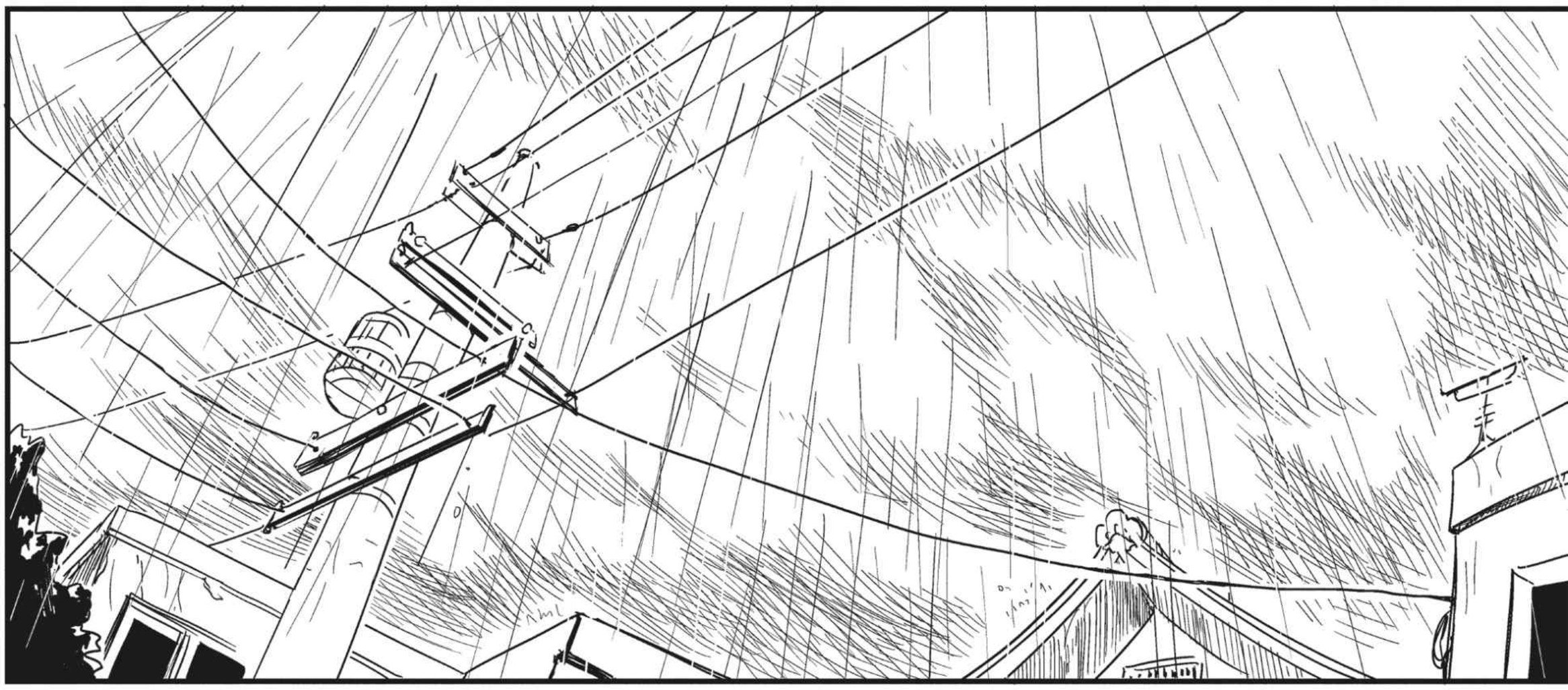

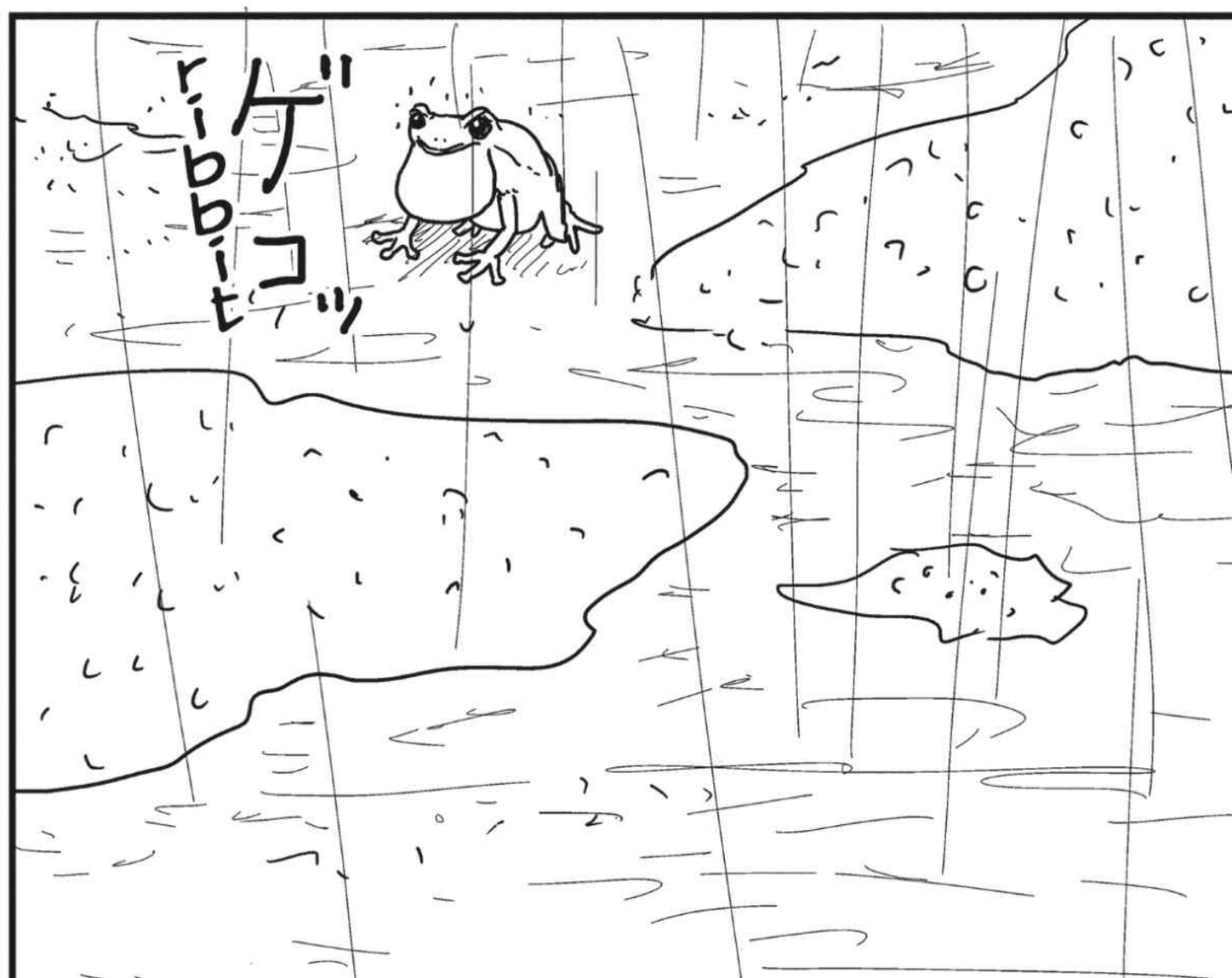
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He searched for
about three hours...

...but he never
found Dimple.

...I'M HOME.

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"twist"

3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12 13 14 15 16
17 18 19 20 21 22 23
24 25 26 27 28

sigh

ドサッ
fwump

HERE'S A TOWEL.

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!

chakk

HEY, BRO...? WELCOME HOME. I KNEW YOU'D BE DRENCHED.

...THANKS.

SCHOOL CLUB.

THAT WOULD'VE ENDED AGES AGO. IT'S EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING, AND WALKING AROUND IN RAIN THIS BAD...?

YOU'RE AWFULLY LATE.

WHAT ABOUT DIN-NER?

I'LL SKIP TODAY.

I'M GOING TO BED.

...

OH...! THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE TO HER TOMOR-ROW.

I FORGOT ...

MEZATO FROM THE SCHOOL NEWS-PAPER HAS BEEN SNIFFING AROUND.

SHE WANTS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT YOU.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN, IF IT'S OKAY TO ASK...?

...YOU SEEM DOWN.

IF YOU NEED TO TALK, I'M HERE TO LISTEN.

RITSU!

GOOD NIGHT.

I'M SORRY ABOUT... THAT TIME.

WHEN YOU GOT CARSICK AND PUKED IN MY HOODIE...?

NO... WELL...

...SORRY ABOUT THAT TOO.

WHICH TIME?

...NO MATTER HOW I TRY, I CAN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

I MEAN THE INCIDENT WITH MY SUPER-POWERS.

WHEN THOSE HIGH SCHOOL DELINQUENTS PICKED A FIGHT WITH US...? YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME.

...OH! YOU MEAN *THAT* TIME.

...WHAT DID I DO TO YOU, RITSU ...?

WHAT... *DID* HAPPEN, THEN ...?

IT'S NOT SOME-THING YOU SHOULD KEEP ON WORRY-ING ABOUT.

...BUT YOU WHIPPED THOSE THUGS GOOD WITH YOUR POWERS... AND PROTECTED ME.

I GUESS YOU'VE FOR-GOTTEN SINCE YOU WERE OUT OF IT...

ONE OF THOSE HOODLUMS PUNCHED ME, AND I GOT HURT.

バタン

GOOD NIGHT.

SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE CAN BE SEEN AMIDST THE SWARMS OF...LET'S SAY, METEORITES... FLYING AROUND EACH OTHER. THE VICTIMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR.

MULTIPLE EYEWITNESS REPORTS ARE POURING IN ABOUT THE FIERCE THUNDERSTORM AND STRANGE PHENOMENA IN THE SKIES ABOVE SEASONING CITY THAT OCCURRED AFTER FIVE P.M. TODAY.

THIS IS VIDEO OF THE EVENT IN QUESTION TAKEN BY A NEARBY RESIDENT.

PAPASONIC

"THAT TIME"...

THE OPINION THAT THIS IS A MAN-MADE PARANORMAL PHENOMENON IS SPREADING IN SOME QUARTERS...

LIVE

SAFETY FIRST

PANASONIC

SHIGEO DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME.

WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH EXPERTS TO ANALYZE THE FOOTAGE TO DETERMINE IF IT HAS BEEN FAKED WITH CG... OR IF IT'S REAL!

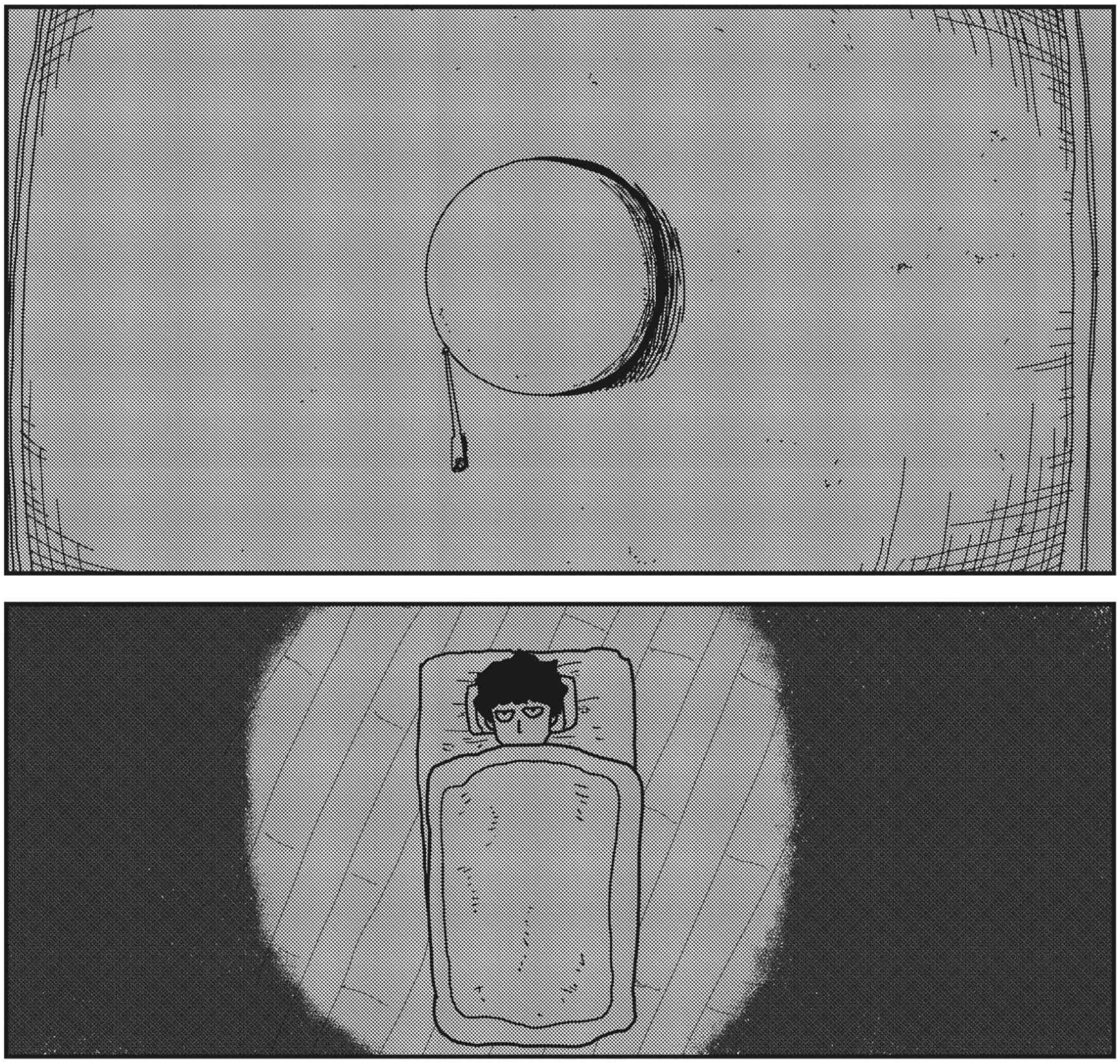
HE SHOULD JUST FORGET IT ALREADY.

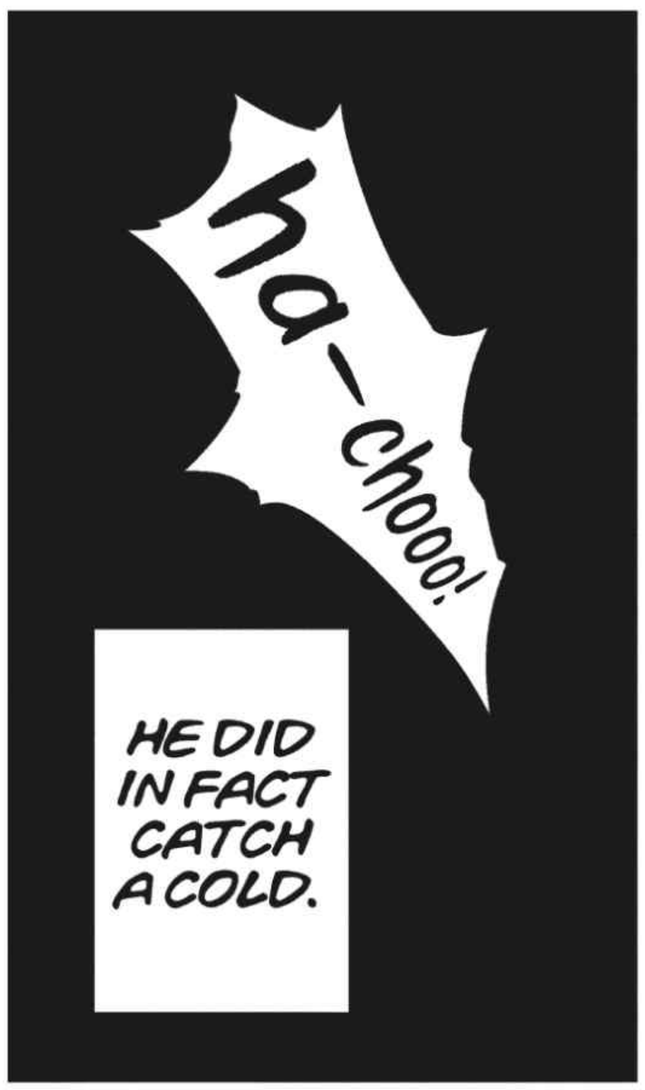
RIMO

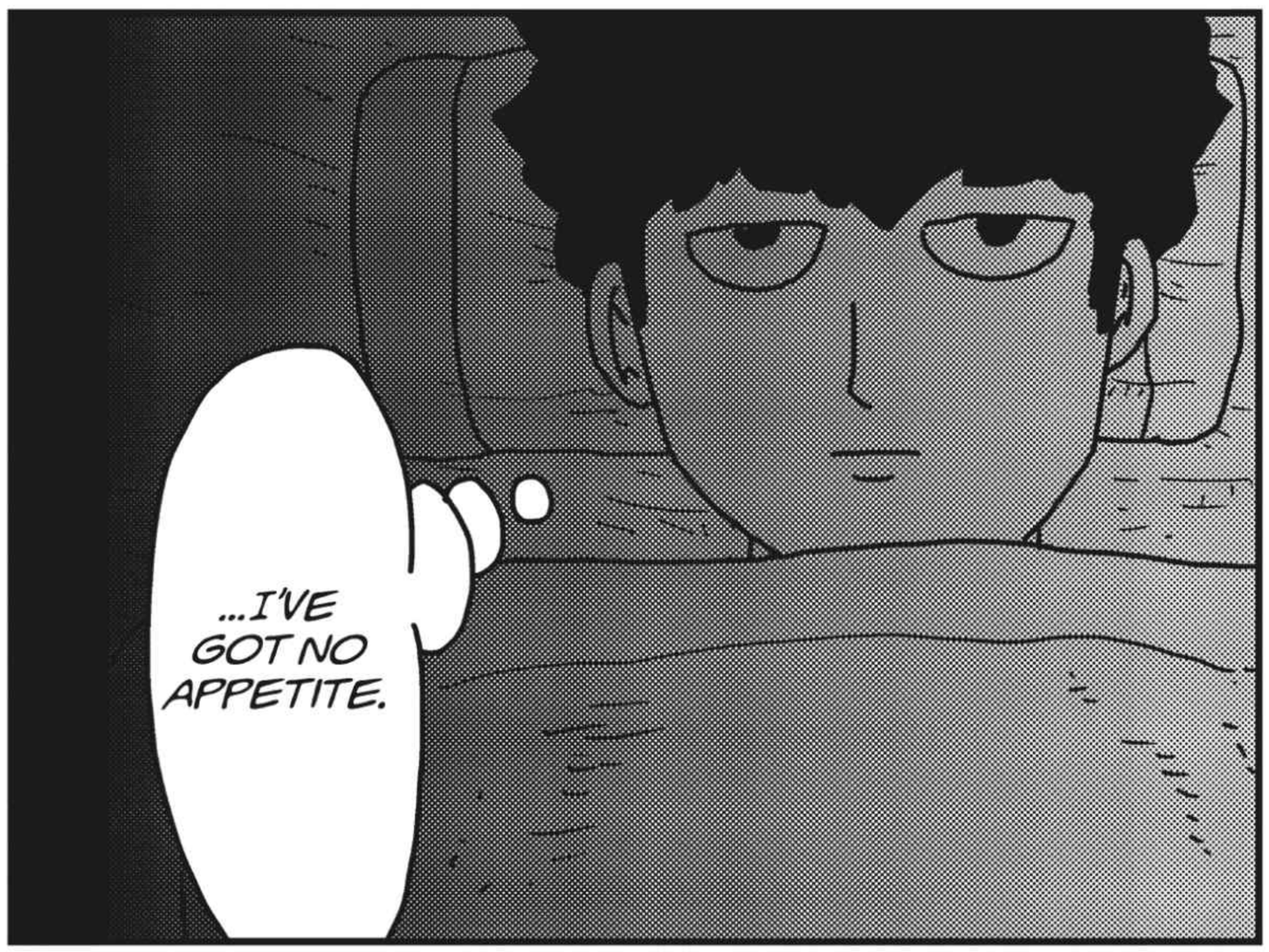
fWMMf

...HOWEVER, THIS STATION WILL CONTINUE TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THIS MYSTE-RIOUS OCCUR-RENCE--

It wasn't Shigeo that did it.




ha-choo!
HE DID IN FACT CATCH A COLD.


...I'VE GOT NO APPETITE.

SO, THEN. I WILL NOW BEGIN...
spirits & such
CHAPTER 20: THE STUDENT COUNCIL

...TO COMMUNI-CATE WITH THE DEAD.
...THE RITUAL...

ゴクッ GULP...

THE CLIENT: HITOSHI

I AM NOW... CALLING YOUR FATHER.

...

スワ SWOLE

...D-DAD! IS THAT YOU ...?!

DAD, DO YOU RECOG-NIZE ME...?!

PASO

...?!

ガチャッ

..BUT I MUST BE MORE THANKFUL TO GOD STILL FOR GUIDING MY SON TO SEEK THE POWERS OF SUCH A TALENTED, YET AFFORDABLE SPIRIT MEDIUM..

INDEED, I COULD HAVE HARDLY IMAGINED THE BLESSED DAY WOULD COME WHEN I WOULD ONCE MORE DESCRY YOUR VISAGE. PERHAPS I CONDUCTED MYSELF WITH SUFFICIENT RIGHTEOUS-NESS IN LIFE..

OHH... HITO-SHI...! IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME...

:OHHHHHHH?

...I'M SO GLAD WE'RE GETTING TO TALK AGAIN, BUT...

心霊現象で

SNIFF... D-DAD...

SORRY 'BOUT THAT. BAD CARRIER WAVES.

CAR-RIER WAVES ?!

SO WERE YOU SATIS-FIED?

HOW?! I HARDLY GOT A CONVER-SATION!

OKAY, HE'S TEMPO-RARILY LOGGING OUT.

...WHEN DID YOU LEARN TO SPEAK JAPANESE SO WELL ?

NEW JER-SEY! IN THE U.S.A.

BY THE WAY, WHERE *WAS* YOUR FATHER FROM ...?

WHOA! NOW JUST HOLD YOUR HORSES THERE, ER...SON. PLEASE UNDER-STAND... A SÉANCE IS A DELICATE THING.

PLEASE CALL HIM BACK AGAIN!!

THANKS TO MY ADVANCED, PROPRIETARY SPIRITUAL ALGORITHM AND WHAT-NOT, I CAN PROVIDE THIS SPECIAL SERVICE...

FOREIGN LAN-GUAGES ARE AUTO-TRANS-LATED INTO JAPA-NESE.

HUH ?!

...HOW ODD.

HE STAYED IN THE U.S. ALL THE TIME FOR WORK TOO, SO HE HARDLY LEARNED ANY JAPANESE ...

WELL, THEN...

hush ン……

A-AMAZING! BUT, YOU KNOW, I SPEAK ENGLISH...

...AT NO ADDITIONAL FEE!

...SO JUST LET DAD BE DAD!!

OHHH.. HITOSHI.. HAVE YOU BEEN WELL LATELY ...?
STILL JAPANESE...
...OH, WELL, WHATEVER... DAD, DO YOU REMEMBER ?
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, AND WE PLAYED BALL... HOW WE PLAYED TOGETHER ...
...AND YOU DID THAT THING THAT WAS ALL THE RAGE IN THE STATES BACK THEN... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!!
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN, DAD...!
DO IT FOR ME AGAIN... FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE...
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klak
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spin
くる
spin
くる
spin
DAD ...?
ビシーッ
fwapp!

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT... THING... YOU JUST DID, DAD...?

HUH? WHAT WAS ALL THAT ...?

FWUMP

WELL, I DON'T REMEMBER BACK WHEN I PLAYED BALL WITH YOU. I'M AN OLD MAN, YOU KNOW. DEAD, IN FACT.

HUH? I DON'T REMEMBER THAT...

THE CHEESE-BURGER TORNADO, OF COURSE! THE SPECIAL MOVE OF THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THAT POPULAR AMERICAN TV SHOW BACK THEN... JUNK FOOD WARRIOR MICHAEL!

...IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TELL ME...?

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, HITOSHI...

YEAH, BUT--

しゅん…

SLUMP

DAD...

CUT TO THE CHASE AND TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE REALLY HERE FOR...IN JAPANESE AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

grrrrr!

OKAY! RIGHT, YOU OLD BASTARD !!

あ～

...DAMN IT! I TRIED TO ACT NICE, BUT YOU SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME, SO NOW I'VE GOTTA BE TOUGH!!

I'M GONNA USE THAT MONEY TO LIVE THE HIGH LIFE!!!

THERE MUST BE A FOR-TUNE IN THERE !!

TELL ME THE PASSWORD TO THE SAFE THE INHERITANCE IS IN!!

THIS AIN'T A JOKE, OLD MAN!

FADING AWAY... IT SEEMS OUR TIME HAS NEARLY RUN OUT...

I KNOW IT'S THIRTEEN LETTERS OF THE ALPHA-BET!!

DON'T PLAY DUMB !!

ER...I THINK THE PASS-WORD WAS MY BIRTHDAY OR SOME-THING...

GIMME THE PASS-WORD ...!

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Shi-ing!

I WANT THAT LOOT!

I REMEM-BER IT NOW.

THE PASS-WORD IS...

ﾚﾚ fwup whup

...GETA JOB YOU BUM!

SMASH-ACK!

CHEESE-BURGER TORNADO!!!

USING HIS WHOLE BODY LIKE A SPRING TO SMASH HIS FIST INTO HIS OPPONENT'S FACE WITH A FIERCE SPIN: REIGEN'S SIGNATURE MOVE.

...HEY, MOB, MY DISCIPLE! GET SOME WATER AND ICE OVER HERE!!

GOTTA GET HIM INTO A BED...

DAMN IT.

THE CLIENT HAS LOGGED OUT OF CON-SCIOUS-NESS.

HAS HE PASSED OUT...?

YEAH. I THINK IT'S A CONCUS-SION...

...MOB?

WHY ARE YOU STARING LIKE THAT...?

HM? WELL, LITERALLY THAT. THEY LOSE CONSCIOUS-NESS, AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY'RE ASLEEP.

I THINK HE SHOULD COME OUT OF IT IN A FEW MINUTES ...

WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY PASS OUT...?

...BUT HE *WAS* CARRY-ING A KNIFE.

UNFORTU-NATELY, I GOT HIM ON THE CHIN...

YOU'RE THINKING OF ZOM-BIES.

HE WON'T WALK AROUND AND BITE THINGS WHILE HE'S UNCON-SCIOUS...?

EH? YOU LOOK PALE. WHAT'S WRONG...?

IT WAS LEGITI-MATE SELF-DEFENSE, AS IT WERE...

...SELF-DE-FENSE...

WELL, MAYBE THAT'S A BIT FAR TO GO IN SELF-DEFENSE.

...SHATTER THEIR PRIDE... ALIENATE THEM FROM THEIR FRIENDS... AND DESTROY THE SCHOOL THEY WENT TO?

IF IT WAS IN SELF-DEFENSE... WOULD IT BE OKAY TO SHAVE OFF SOMEONE'S HAIR...RIP OFF THEIR CLOTHES...

...AND, WHAT'S MORE, IT HAPPENS WHEN I'M UNCONSCIOUS...

SOMETIMES MY POWERS JUST ACT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD...

...

YOUR SUPER-POWERS ARE USEFUL TO ME, AT THE VERY LEAST.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THEM ANY-MORE...

I WANT TO BE RID OF THEM.

SIMPLY HAVING SUCH *POWERS* CAUSES TROUBLE FOR THOSE AROUND ME.

...AS MY ASSISTANT, YOU'RE ERASING EVIL SPIRITS LEFT AND RIGHT.

AND NOT JUST ME. ACTUALLY, MANY OF OUR CLIENTS HAVE BEEN HELPED THANKS TO YOU, HAVEN'T THEY...?

BUT IF YOU CONFRONT YOUR POWERS IN EARNEST INSTEAD OF TRYING TO DENY THEM, YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO CONTROL THEM BETTER..

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YOU HAVE TALENTS THAT WOULD BE WASTED IF YOU DIDN'T USE THEM... AND ENDED UP WITH A DULL BLADE.

DON'T FIXATE ON THE NEGATIVES. IT'S HOW YOU *USE* A KNIFE THAT MATTERS.

TRUST ME...

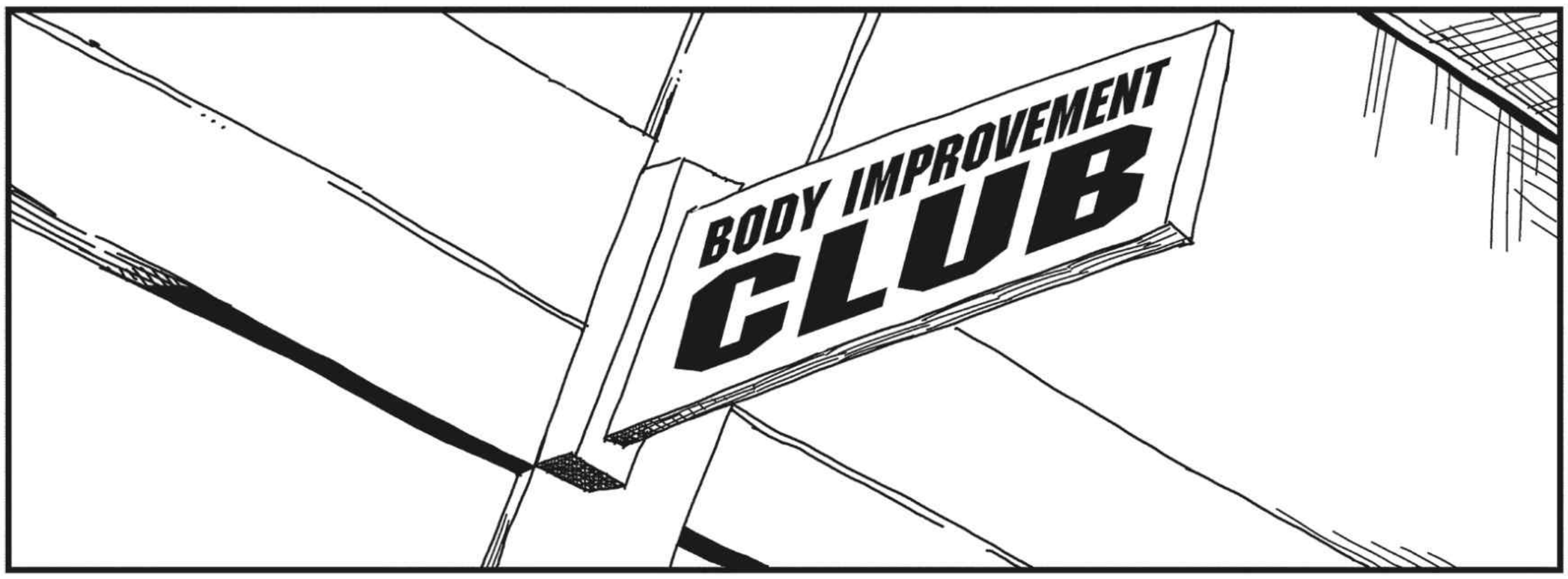
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE THE BEST OF YOURSELF.

DON'T SMOTHER YOUR OWN FLAME.

...YOU'LL BE FINE.

...YOU CAUSED THAT PARANORMAL PHENOMENON OVER AT BLACK VINEGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL.

YOU WERE THE CAUSE OF THAT NEWS FOOTAGE ON TV, WEREN'T YOU, MOB...?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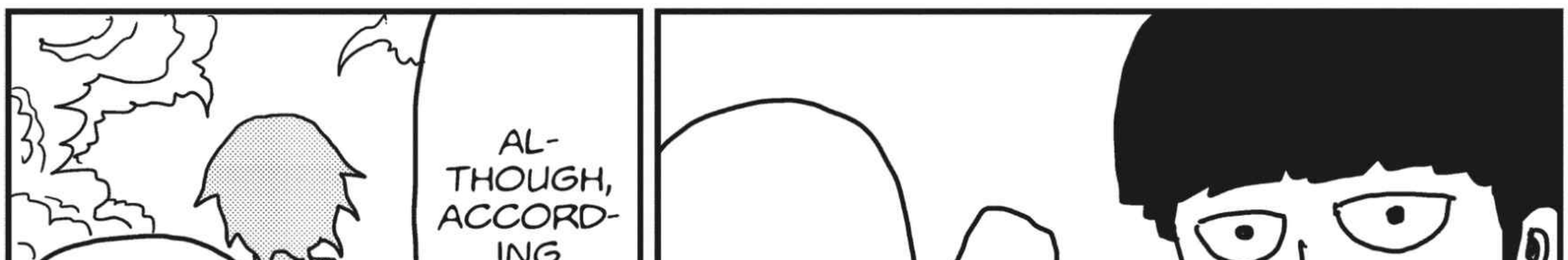
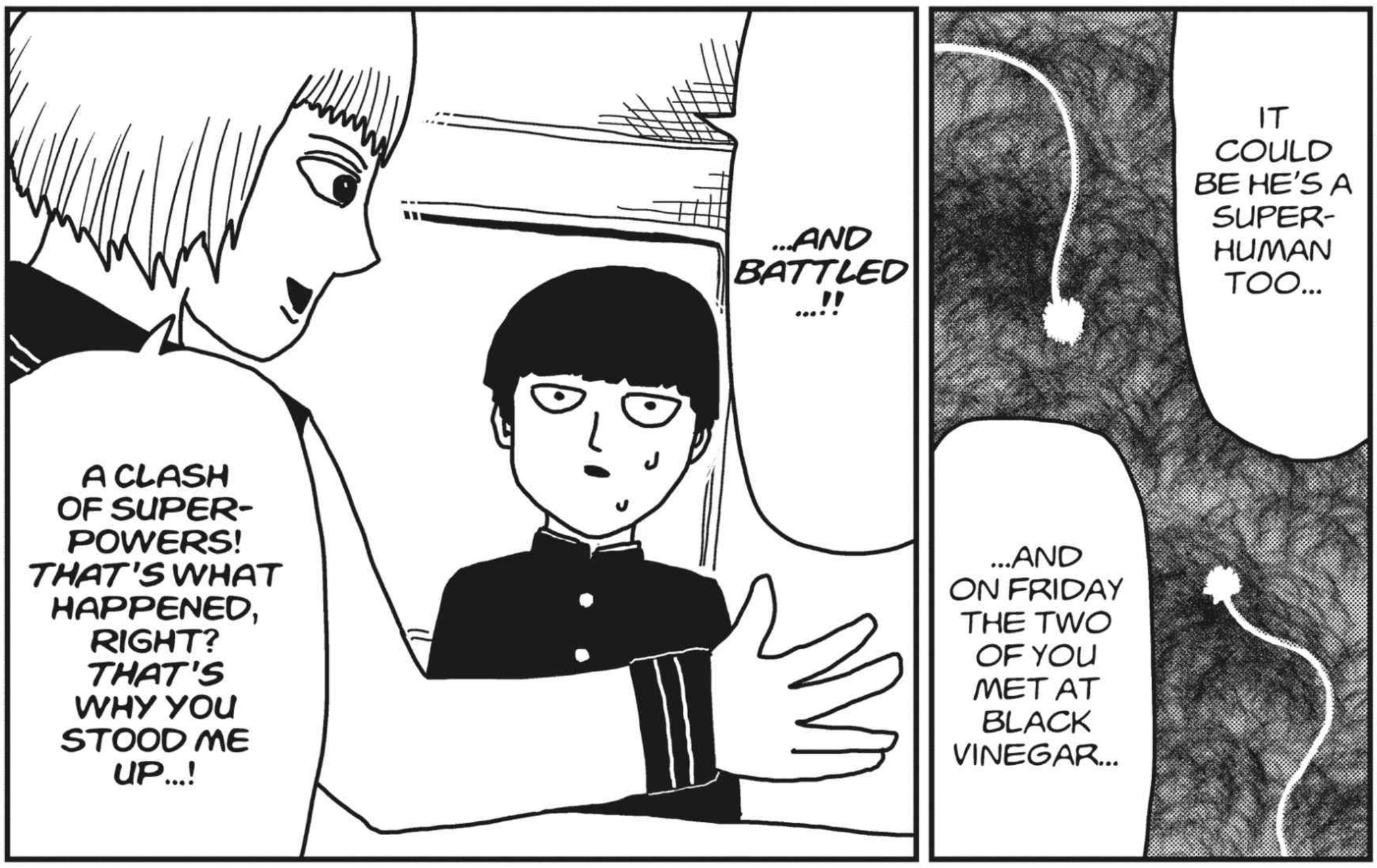

...THERE'S A KID AT BLACK VINEGAR WHO ALSO THROWS PEOPLE AROUND, NO PROBLEM.
AL-THOUGH, ACCORD-ING TO RUMORS ...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
UH... ER...


A CLASH OF SUPER-POWERS! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, RIGHT? THAT'S WHY YOU STOOD ME UP...!
...AND BATTLED ...!!
IT COULD BE HE'S A SUPER-HUMAN TOO...
...AND ON FRIDAY THE TWO OF YOU MET AT BLACK VINEGAR...

THEY SAY A KID MATCHING YOUR DESCRIPTION THRASHED SOME STUDENTS AT BLACK VINEGAR TO A PULP!!

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I ACTUALLY HAVE TESTIMONY FROM EYEWITNESSES, TOO. FROM STUDENTS AT BLACK VINEGAR!

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HOWEVER...

...LET ME SAY JUST THIS ONE THING.

DON'T WANT TO TALK ...?

...WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY, MOB.

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I PROMISE, VERY SOON, THAT SOMETHING AMAZING ...

...IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU.

MOB ...?!

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...SUPER-HUMANS EXIST ...!!

SUPER-HUMANS OTHER THAN YOU, MOB ...?!

AND...IT WAS HARD TO TELL FROM THE NEWS, BUT WHAT WAS THAT STUFF FLYING AROUND IN THE SKY...?!

AND... NO, MOST IMPOR-TANTLY...

THAT PARANORMAL EVENT AT BLACK VINEGAR WAS *YOUR* DOING?! IT WASN'T SPACEMEN THAT DID IT?!

SO DID YOU USE TELEKINESIS LIKE WHEN YOU MOVED THOSE DUMBBELLS AROUND ...?!

THERE WAS ONE...

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HEH... HEH HEH HEH... HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

THERE WAS, EH... BESIDES YOU, MOB...

COULD YOU MAYBE ALSO TELL *SUPER-HUMANS* BY SIGHT?

...I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN ONE OTHER...

...MOB, YOU CAN SEE GHOSTS, *RIGHT* ...?

WELL... YES.

...BUT I KNEW AT FIRST SIGHT.

OTHER SUPER-HUMANS.

THEN YOU CAN FIND *OTHERS*, RIGHT?

...I NEVER SENSED ANY POWERS FROM THEM.

THERE'S JUST NO WAY...I MEAN, EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE OTHER, ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE RUN ACROSS IN MY LIFE...

WAIT. FIND OTHERS...? YOU MEAN, BY LOOKING AROUND FOR THEM?

HUH?

...HE DOESN'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS. HE HAS SPIRITUAL ABILITIES.

IS THERE SOME DIFFER-ENCE...?

OH... NOW YOU MENTION IT...I DON'T SENSE ANY FROM HIM EITHER. BUT THAT'S BECAUSE...

WHAT ABOUT YOUR MASTER?

YES. WE'RE GOING TO GO LOOK FOR VARIOUS SUPER-HUMANS TOGETHER.

...WE ARE...?

WE'RE GOING ON A DATE.

HUH? WHY?

...NEXT TIME YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES OR WORK, KEEP YOUR SCHEDULE OPEN.

WELL, ANY-WAY...

IT SEEMS LIKE WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS COMMUNICATING WITH OUTER SPACE, MOB...!

YOU SEE, WE JUST MAY FIND...SOME TELEPATHS !!

YOU'LL NEVER BE POPULAR IF YOU WON'T DO WHAT A GIRL ASKS YOU TO DO WHEN SHE ASKS YOU TO DO IT!!

BUT, TOME...I'M NOT IN THE TELEPATHY CLUB.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SO THEN, WITH NO OBJECTIONS FROM ANY OF THE MEMBERS, THE PASSAGE OF THIS PROPOSAL IS NOW...

...APPROVED.

VERY WELL, THEN. WHAT SHOULD WE CALL IT? SOMETHING THAT'S EASILY UNDER-STOOD WOULD BE BEST.

ARE YOU SURE, VICE PRESI-DENT TOKU-GAWA?

IT WAS YOUR IDEA.

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THE NAME OF THIS OPERA-TION...

...PRESI-DENT KAMURO.

STUDENT COU

...“THE BIG CLEAN-UP.”

LET'S CALL IT...

SALT MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SHINJI KAMURO

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I DON'T EXPECT COMPLAINTS FROM ANYONE.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL DO WHAT SOMEBODY HAS TO DO.

...BUT WE'RE APPROVING IT BECAUSE EVERYONE HERE UNDERSTANDS THAT THAT'S IRRELEVANT.

IT MAY GO FAR BEYOND THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S ORIGINAL DISCRETION...

...YOU THERE, KAGEYAMA, GRADE 7.

!

STUDENT COUNCIL

...

YOU GOT TOP SCORES IN THE NATION-WIDE MOCK EXAMS. I WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE IN THE MOST SENSITIVE PERIOD OF THEIR LIVES.

THEY'RE AT THE MERCY OF THEIR EMOTIONS, AND THEY ACT IN HASTE.

THEREFORE SOME STUDENTS MAKE A LOT OF MISTAKES AND CARRY HEAVY ANXIETIES.

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE FRAGILE.

STUDENTS WITH WEAK OR OBEDIENT PERSONALITIES ARE OFTEN A CONVENIENT TARGET FOR SUCH TYPES TO COMPARE THEMSELVES AGAINST.

...AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S ALSO THE PERIOD WHEN SOME STUDENTS EMERGE WHO ASSERT THEIR IDENTITIES, AND DECIDE WHO THEY'RE BETTER THAN.

FOR MY BIG BRO...

...

THEREFORE, I AGREED THAT THE "BIG CLEAN-UP" IS NECESSARY.

I WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A CAMPUS WHICH LEVELS OUT SUCH MEANINGLESS RANKINGS BASED ON SUPERIORITY CONTESTS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM.

CHIEF! KAGE-YAMA'S FALLEN OVER AGAIN!

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NOW WHAT DO YOU SAY ...?!

FOUR!

THREE!

TWO!

ONE!

BODY IM-PROVE-MENT CLUB ...!

...HE'S MAKING PROG-RESS!

HE GOT A BIT FURTHER THIS TIME BEFORE HE COLLAPSED ...

...TO CREATE AN ENVIRON-MENT THAT'S EASY FOR MY BROTHER TO LIVE IN...!

WE'LL CARRY OUT "THE BIG CLEAN-UP"...

KAGE-YAMA ...?

OH, THANK GOOD-NESS...

...IT WAS WORTH ME WAITING HERE FOR YOU AFTER ALL.

THIS IS MY CARD.

Awakening Lab
KENJI MITSUURA
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DO YOU WANT TO TRY...

WHAT DO YOU SAY, KAGEYAMA ...?

"AWAKENING LAB"...?

...AT MY RESEARCH LABORATORY ...?

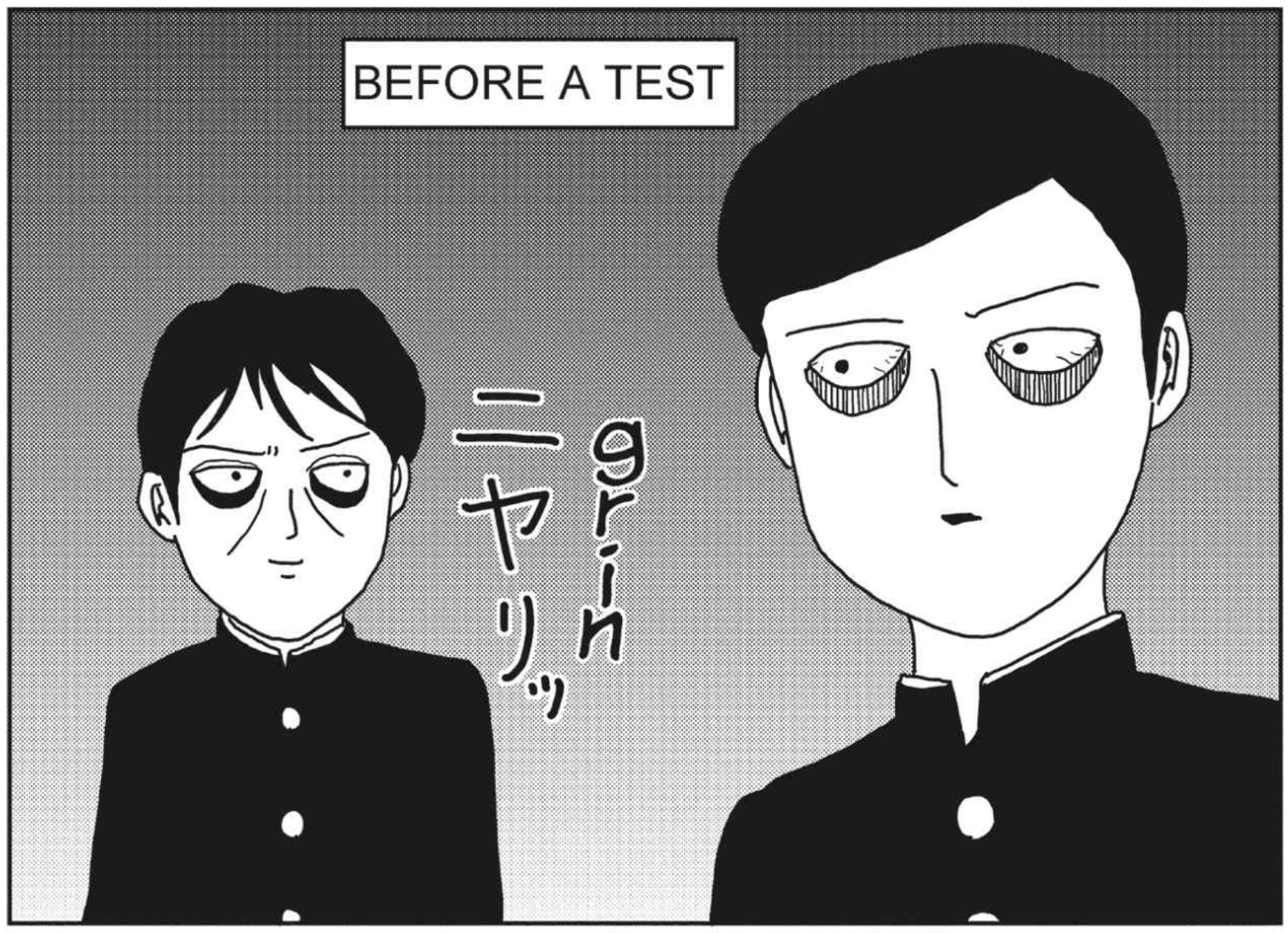
...FURTHER INCREASING YOUR SUPER-POWERS...

A LAB...FOR SUPERPOWERS ...?

HE'S MISTAKEN ME FOR MY BROTHER.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SO MUCH POWER...

...THAT OTHER SUPER-HUMANS CAN'T EVEN COMPARE ...?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CHAPTER 21: SALT'S SECRET LEADER

IN TODAY'S STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING... WE WILL IRON OUT THE DETAILS OF OUR "BIG CLEAN-UP" OPERATION.

ANY INTERESTING IDEAS...?

STUDENT COU

LET US SELECT OUR TARGETS AT AN EARLY STAGE.

YET OUR PREPA-RATIONS MUST BE EXQUI-SITELY BAL-ANCED.

WE CANNOT FORGIVE ELEMENTS WHICH LOWER THE DIGNITY OF OUR SCHOOL. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WE, THE STUDENT COUNCIL MUST MAKE MOVES AGAINST THEM.

A *SCRIPT* IS IMPOR-TANT FOR THIS KIND OF THING.

...PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE OUTLINE IN FRONT OF YOU.

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I'VE PUT TOGETHER A FEW IDEAS MYSELF TO START WITH...

TOP SECRET

BIG CLEAN-UP

• CREATE A HERO TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL PEACE AND BY INCITING THOSE WHO ACT AS PER THE COUNCIL'S SCRIPT

PSYCHOHELMETISM

Are his eyes scary?

Is it hair or a helmet?

Does he smile?

*Idea (tentative): Swipe a mascot design

Re: Coloring (Hire a designer?)

Nickname to call our founder

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...AND PER THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR TODAY'S EXECUTIVE MEETING...

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YES, AS IT SAYS ON THE DOCUMENT IN FRONT OF YOU...

...AS PSYCHO-HELMETISTS.

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...I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE GROUP ABOUT DESIGNING OUR RELIGIOUS EMBLEM, AND ALSO OUR MASCOT...

WELL, THEN. LET US BEGIN!

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BEFORE WE THINK ABOUT MASCOTS AND LOGOS...

...HAS ANYONE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO LOCATE OUR RELIGION'S FOUNDER ...?

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...UM, YEAH.

CAN I SAY SOMETHING FIRST...?

...WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND HIM.

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SEE, THE THING ABOUT THAT IS...

BUT WE DO HAVE *LEADS*. NEW EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA OF THE KIND WE BELIEVE ORIGINATES FROM THE POWER OF OUR FOUNDER...

...AND OUR SEARCH TEAMS ARE ON THE MOVE.

SEVERAL MEN HAVE COME FORWARD SAYING THAT THEY WERE HIM...

...BUT I WAS THE ONE THAT SAW HIM THE CLOSEST AT THE (LOL) EVENT, AND I WAS ABLE TO DISMISS ALL THOSE CLAIMANTS AS IMPOSTORS.

AND SO WE SHOULD BE READY IN A STATE OF PERFECT PREPAREDNESS... HENCE GETTING OUR MARKETING CAMPAIGN IN ORDER.

I HAVE FAITH THAT THEY'LL BRING THE FOUNDER BACK TO WE TRUE, LOYAL, BELIEVING PSYCHO-HELMETISTS BEFORE LONG.

BUT BEING MOB, HE'S TOTALLY AVERSE TO PLACING HIMSELF ABOVE OTHER PEOPLE...

IT'S ALMOST AS IF...HE'S SOMEONE I ALREADY KNEW FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

BUT IT'S TOO SOON FOR HIM...

...TO MEET HIS CULT JUST YET... HEH. HEH...

AND WHAT A WASTE THAT WOULD BE. THINGS ARE STARTING TO GET INTEREST-ING.

PSYCHO-HELME-TISM WOULD JUST DISSOLVE IF I BROUGHT HIM IN AT THIS POINT.

...AND MEANWHILE, I'LL MAKE MOB INTO A CULT FIGURE!

I'LL GET THESE BELIEVERS EVEN MORE WORKED UP, EXCITE THEIR DISCUSSIONS, MAKE THE SCALE OF THIS THING BIGGER AND BIGGER...

HOW 'BOUT WE SETTLE THIS RIGHT NOW...?

TOO SOON FOR YA...?!

I GOT BEAT! THAT BASTARD HANAZAWA FROM BLACK VINEGAR WIPED THE FLOOR WITH MY ASS!

TENGA THE DEMON'S HONOR IS AT *ZERO* NOW! AN' I DON'T WANT PEOPLE LOOKING DOWN ON US FOREVER 'CUZ I'M SALT'S GANG LEADER...!!

HELL, YOU COULD *STILL* KICK THE ASS OF MOST SCHOOLS AROUND HERE ALL BY YERSELF ...!

...NONE OF OUR GUYS COULD TAKE YOUR PLACE ANYWAY, ONIGAWARA!

BUT... EVEN IF YOU *WANNA* PASS THE LEADERSHIP TO SOMEONE ELSE...

I'LL LEAD YOU IN PUBLIC LIKE I ALWAYS HAVE...!

BLACK VINEGAR'S GOT A "SECRET GANG LEADER" SYSTEM? WELL, TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME!

HERE'S THE IDEA...!

HOLD UP! I AIN'T TALKIN' ABOUT SUDDENLY PUTTIN' SOME STRANGER IN CHARGE OF YOU GUYS...

FROM NOW ON *HE'LL* BE NUMBER ONE...AND I'LL STEP DOWN TO NUMBER TWO!

BUT WE'LL PLACE A "SECRET LEADER" ABOVE ME!

SEE, I LOST TO *BLACK VINEGAR'S* SECRET LEADER...

...BUT IF WE EVER GET INTO ANOTHER FIGHT WITH A SCHOOL THAT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA LOSE...*THAT'S* WHEN HE'LL SHOW HIMSELF. OUR HIDDEN ACE CARD!

THIS SECRET LEADER'S GONNA ACT AS A SYMBOL OF *POWER*. MOST OF THE TIME, HE JUST NEEDS TO BE THERE IN THE BACK-GROUND...

WHERE'S THIS TOUGH GUY HIDING OUT...?

WE GOT SOME-BODY THAT STRONG HERE ...?

...BUT THERE'S A DUDE HERE AT SALT WHO BEAT THE GUY WHO BEAT *ME*.

I DIDN'T WITNESS IT, BUT I KNOW THAT'S HOW IT WENT DOWN!

I'M GONNA GO TALK TO HIM RIGHT NOW.

I'M PRETTY SURE I KNOW.

HE SENT ME FLYING WITH INCREDIBLE POWER! HE BEAT ME, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THAT GUY WAS IN GOOD SHAPE!

BLACK VINEGAR'S SECRET LEADER? THAT BROWN-HAIRED FELLOW...?

...

IT WASN'T ME WHO DID THAT.

I THOUGHT AFTER HANAZAWA KNOCKED ME OUT, YOU CAME TO AND BEAT THE CRAP OUTTA HIM!

SAY WHAT?

I DON'T HAVE ANY OBLIGATION TO TELL YOU.

HE'S A GENTLEMAN WHO BY HIS VERY NATURE ABHORS VIOLENCE.

SO WHO WAS IT...?

I KNOW IT WAS *SOMEONE* IN THE BODY-BUILDING CLUB...!

PUSH-UPS ARE A THOUSAND TIMES MORE FULFILL-ING.

UNLIKE YOU GUYS, BEATING PEOPLE UP IN FIGHTS DOESN'T EARN ANY STATUS WITH US.

...YEAH, 'CAUSE I SET IT UP.

HE GOT ENTANGLED IN THAT BRAWL UNWILL-INGLY.

BUT THE MAN IN QUESTION DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. AND I DON'T WANT TO PRESS THE ISSUE. SO IN CONCLU-SION...

I'LL TELL YOU THIS MUCH...I ALSO WONDER HOW THAT BROWN-HAIRED GUY GOT BEAT. SOMETHING FEELS WEIRD ABOUT THE WHOLE SITUATION...

...DON'T INVOLVE HIM.

GET LOST.

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YEAH, OTHER-WISE MOB WOULD BE EASILY USED...

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SO TENGA'S GOT HIS EYE ON MOB...? YIKES...

...GLAD WE'VE GOT MU-SASHI LEAD-ING THE CLUB.

THEY MEAN MOB.

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Awakening Lab

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VICE PRESI-DENT TOKU-GAWA. DO YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?

MORE OR LESS. AND YOU...?

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IS THAT YOU, KAGE-YAMA ...?

OH...

...KAGE-YAMA. I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE IN THE NEIGH-BOR-HOOD.

...SO EVEN PEOPLE LIKE YOU FEEL LIKE THAT SOMETIMES ...?

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FOR NO REA-SON ?

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YES...

SOME-TIMES I JUST LIKE TO WALK AROUND ...

HMPH...

EX-TREMELY SIMPLE AND NORMAL.

PEOPLE LIKE ME? I BELIEVE I'M A COMPLETELY ORDINARY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN.

COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO ME...?

BUT SOMEHOW I'M GETTING SIGNALS HOW YOU ACT LIKE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO BE.

YOU WON'T FIND AN EX-TREMELY SIMPLE AND NORMAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ANYWHERE ON EARTH.

YOU'RE PRETTY EXTRA-ORDI-NARY FOR A SEVENTH GRADER.

THE COUNCIL PRESI-DENT HIMSELF BURNS WITH A FEELING OF RIVALRY AGAINST YOU.

BUT, IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU EXCEL IN ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, SPEECH-MAKING, JUDGMENT, AND OTHER THINGS.

I'M SAYING THE IDEAL *IMAGE* YOU'RE ASPIRING TO IS THAT OF AN EXTREMELY SIMPLE AND NORMAL JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT.

YOU'RE SO SUPERIOR THAT YOU ATTRACT ATTENTION EVEN IF YOU DON'T SEEK IT. YOU LET OTHERS HAVE THE SPOTLIGHT, AND CHOOSE A MINOR ROLE FOR YOURSELF.

BUT YOU AVOID ATTENTION TO THE UTMOST, AND DON'T TRY TO LEVERAGE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS INTO STATUS.

...RITSU KAGE-YAMA.

I SEE IT IN YOUR BEHAVIOR IN STUDENT COUNCIL TOO...

DON'T ACT LIKE YOUR BROTHER.

"FURTHER INCREASING YOUR SUPER-POWERS...

"...AT MY RESEARCH LABORATORY?"

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IT'S FREE TRAINING TODAY, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO OVERDO IT WITH THE RUNNING...!

KAGE-YAMA! ARE YOU DOWN AGAIN ...?!

PROGRESS TOWARD MOB'S EXPLOSION: 4%

SO THAT'S ACTUALLY *GOOD* NEWS! YOU'VE BUILT UP MORE STAMINA, EH...?

I CAN KEEP GOING. I JUST TRIPPED...

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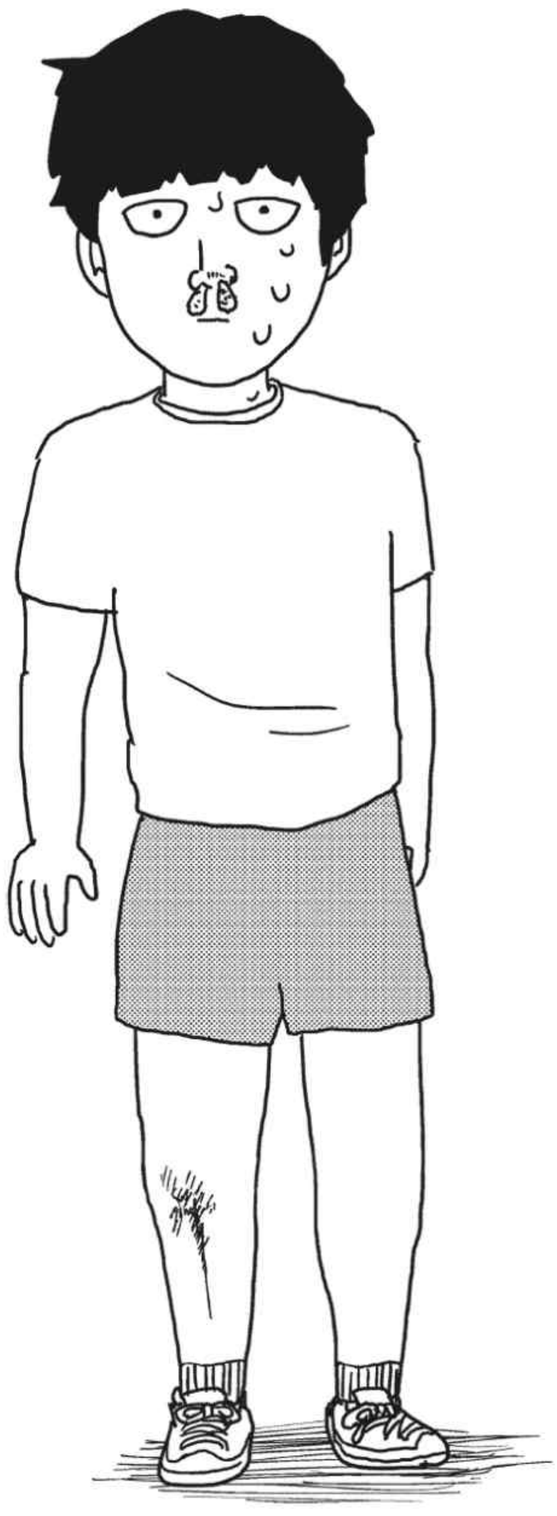

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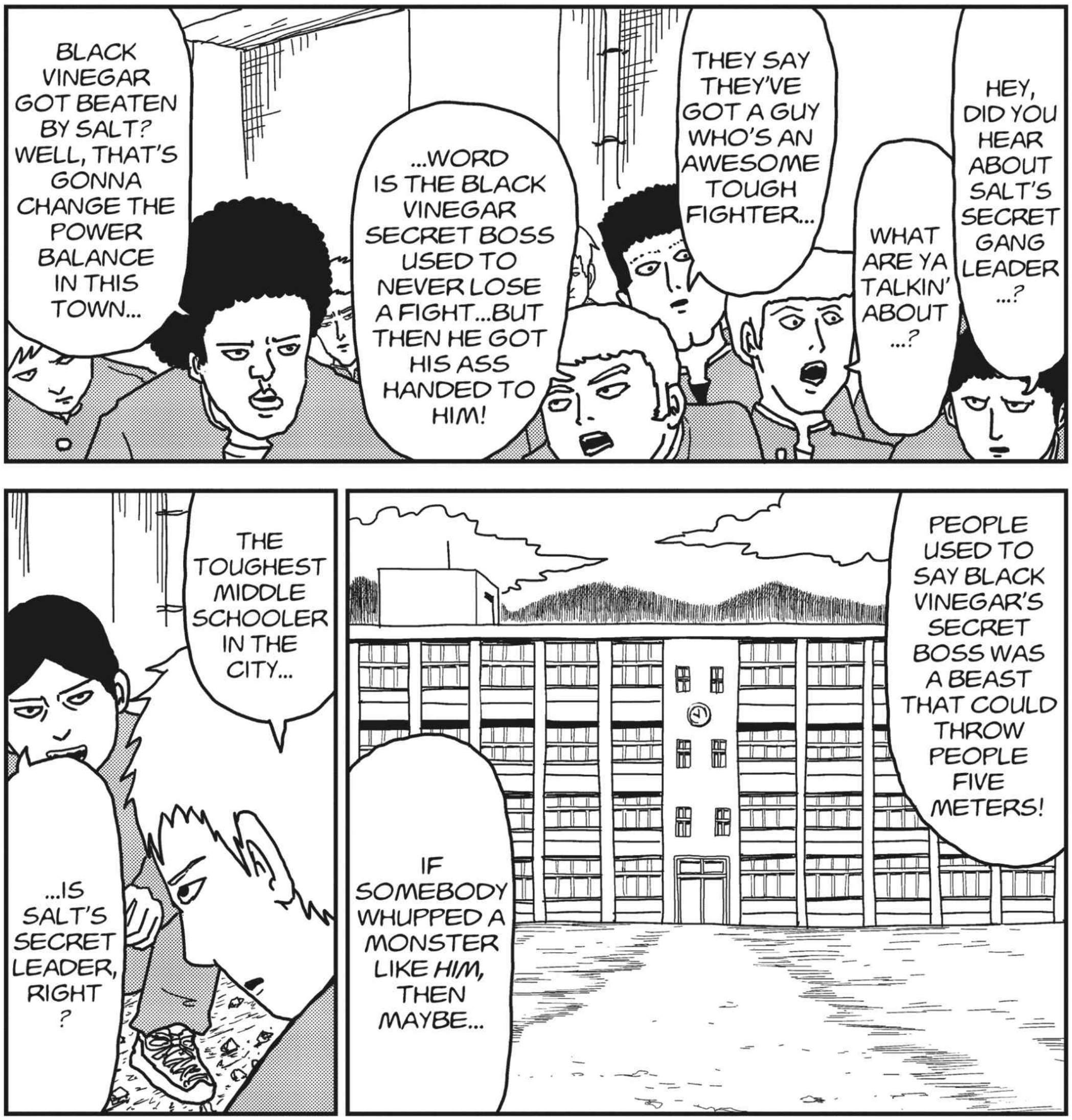

WHAT DID YOU GUYS SAY JUST NOW?

ABOUT WHO'S TOUGHEST IN THE CITY?

WELL, IT'S *YOU*, FUJI!

WE WAS JUST TALKIN' ABOUT HOW FUJI, OUR BOSS HERE AT MISO, IS THE TOUGHEST MIDDLE SCHOOLER ...

...IN THE CITY !!!

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Miso Junior High Gang Leader:

FUJI

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THE PUNISH-MENT FOR LYING IS FINGER FLICKS TO THE FORE-HEAD.

NO! PLEASE! NOT THAT ...!!!

SALT'S SECRET BOSS. THE ONE THEY CALL...

...WHITE T POISON...RIGHT...?

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I KNOW WHO YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT.

...BUT WISE-ASS TRICKS LIKE THAT AIN'T GONNA WORK AGAINST ME!

I'LL BE THE ONE WHO TAKES DOWN WHITE T POISON !

HE WEARS A WHITE T-SHIRT, HE'S PALE, HE'S SKINNY...HE LOOKS WEAK...BUT THAT'S CAMOUFLAGE! THE MOMENT AN ENEMY DROPS THEIR GUARD, HE GOES FOR THEIR VITALS.

USING EVERY MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL, HIS FIGHTING TECH-NIQUES WEAKEN HIS ENEMIES LIKE A SLOW-ACTING POISON ...

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Bean Paste Junior High

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HE IS APPOINTED BEAN PASTE'S NEW GANG LEADER!!!

KENZAKI, GRADE 8, HAS SUCCESSFULLY BEATEN 30 STUDENTS IN A ROW ...!!

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY ?!

...B-BUT I ONCE FOUGHT A GUY STRONGER THAN YOU.

Ex-Leader Tajima

IMPRES-SIVE, KENZAKI... YOU'RE P-POW-ERFUL...

HIS NAME IS... "WHITE T POI-SON" !

AND THEY SAY HE'S SALT'S SECRET BOSS.

HE'S PROB-ABLY MORE POW-ERFUL THAN YOU.

...BUT I HEARD SOME-ONE'S BEAT *HIM* NOW.

I WAS NO MATCH FOR HIM. HE KICKED MY ASS, AND I NEVER GOT REVENGE...

HE WAS BLACK VINE-GAR'S SECRET WEA-PON.

AND NOW THAT I'M RESOLVED, I SHALL TUNE MYSELF...I MEAN, TRAIN MYSELF...FOR THE DECISIVE BATTLE...

THEN I WILL DEFEAT THIS WHITE T POISON AND BE ACKNOW-LEDGED AS THE STRON-GEST OF ALL!

HMPH... VERY WELL.

SO THE NEXT TARGET IS SALT, EH...?

Noodle Broth Junior High

Soy Sauce J.H.S.

WHITE T POISON WILL BE MY PREY ...!!

Mayo J.H.S.

HEH HEH HEH ...

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO BE SEEN ...

HUH? WHAT?

SORRY...

YOU'RE WHITE T POISON, AREN'T YOU...?

...HEH HEH HEH! I KNOW, YOU KNOW?

EVEN THE HOODS AT OTHER SCHOOLS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT.

WHAT IF THEY GET TOO NERVOUS AND DECIDE TO HIT US WITH A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE ...?

ONIGAWARA'S GOING CRAZY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE SECRET BOSS IS...

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HEH HEH HEH... YOU'RE WHITE T POISON, AREN'T YOU?

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AH, I SEE...

THE RUMORS GOT EMBELLISHED... AND THE DELINQUENTS WERE GETTING FIRED UP.

AND THRASHED BLACK VINEGAR IN A SPECTACULAR DEBUT.

SALT'S SECRET BOSS HAD APPEARED ...

WE BETTER MAKE SURE OF WHO WHITE T POISON IS BEFORE SALT GETS ATTACKED ...!

You're not him, either?

...AND SO THE PRESENCE OF SUCH HOODLUMS IS A FACTOR IN THE ROT OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. THEY ARE A BAD INFLUENCE ON THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS ...

...AND ONCE THEY LEAVE HERE, THEY ARE DESTINED TO NO RESPECTABLE FUTURE.

Salt Junior High

THE WHOLE WORLD SHOWS KINDNESS TO THESE DELIN-QUENTS.

THEY SPOIL THEM ROTTEN, UNTIL THEY'RE GARBAGE ...

STUDENT

WHY DO SUCH ILL-BEHAVED, MENTALLY DEFICIENT STUDENTS GET TO HAVE EVERYTHING THEIR WAY?

THE REASON IS SIMPLE. BECAUSE THEY ARE GIVEN A PLACE.

...THE KIND OF OVER-SIZED GARBAGE THAT WILL NEVER BE COLLECT-ED.

...

WE WILL STRICTLY DISCIPLINE THE MOST CONSPICUOUS DISRUPTOR.

THEREFORE, THE INITIAL TARGET OF THE BIG CLEAN-UP WILL BE THESE HOODLUMS.

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...I THINK THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE AP-PROACH.

BUT THIS SCE-NARIO YOU'VE DRAWN UP, SIR...

DON'T WORRY. I'LL TAKE IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DELIN-QUENTS SEEKING REVENGE ONCE THEY FIND OUT?

CORRECT. IF THEY STRIKE AT ME--THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT--THAT MAKES THINGS EASY. THERE WILL BE A RUCKUS, A MAJOR INCIDENT, AND THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EXPELLED.

"TAKE IT"? NOT "STOP IT"?

STUDENT COU

SIR, WHO WILL ACTU-ALLY CARRY OUT THE DEED?

IF THEY SCREW UP, IT'LL BE A BIG MESS.

STUDENT C

I THINK IT WILL BE FINE...

...IF WE GO EXACTLY TO SCRIPT...

...NO ONE WILL BELIEVE WE INSTI-GATED IT.

STUDENT

IT CAN'T BE YOU, VICE PRESI-DENT.

IF IT'S JUST ABOUT SENDING A WARNING TO ONIGAWARA AND HIS GANG, I'LL DO IT.

...WELL, IF I DID, I'D BE CONSPIC-UOUS, AND THAT WOULD MAKE THINGS DIFFI-CULT.

STUDENT C

I'D LIKE TO DO IT MY-SELF, BUT...

HOW CAN I PUT IT...? TOKUGAWA, YOU'RE TOO FORCEFUL.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, AND THERE WAS A BRAWL WITH THE DELINQUENTS, IT WOULD ALL BE FOR NOTHING.

DIRECT CONFRONTATION ISN'T THE BEST TACTIC.

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...HOW ABOUT YOU, KAGEYAMA?

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WE CAN'T PUT HIM IN HARM'S WAY YET...

HMM...I THOUGHT HE'D BE A PERFECT FIT. BUT ALL RIGHT...

WAIT.

KAGE-YAMA'S STILL IN GRADE 7.

AND HE'S NOT THE TYPE FOR SUCH A BAD-GUY ROLE.

WE'LL GET SOME-ONE ELSE...

...HE'S A WELL-BEHAVED TOP STUDENT.

"WELL-BEHAVED" ...

PLEASE LET ME THINK ABOUT IT.

...EVEN I WANT TO CHANGE.

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Awakening Lab
KENJI MITSUURA

FORTRESS SEASONING

IT'S A BLOCK OF CON-DOS...

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...IS HERE?

THE LAB...

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FORTRESS SEASONING

I'LL GO HOME ...

THIS IS JUST WAY TOO SHADY ...

I KNEW THIS WAS BAD NEWS.

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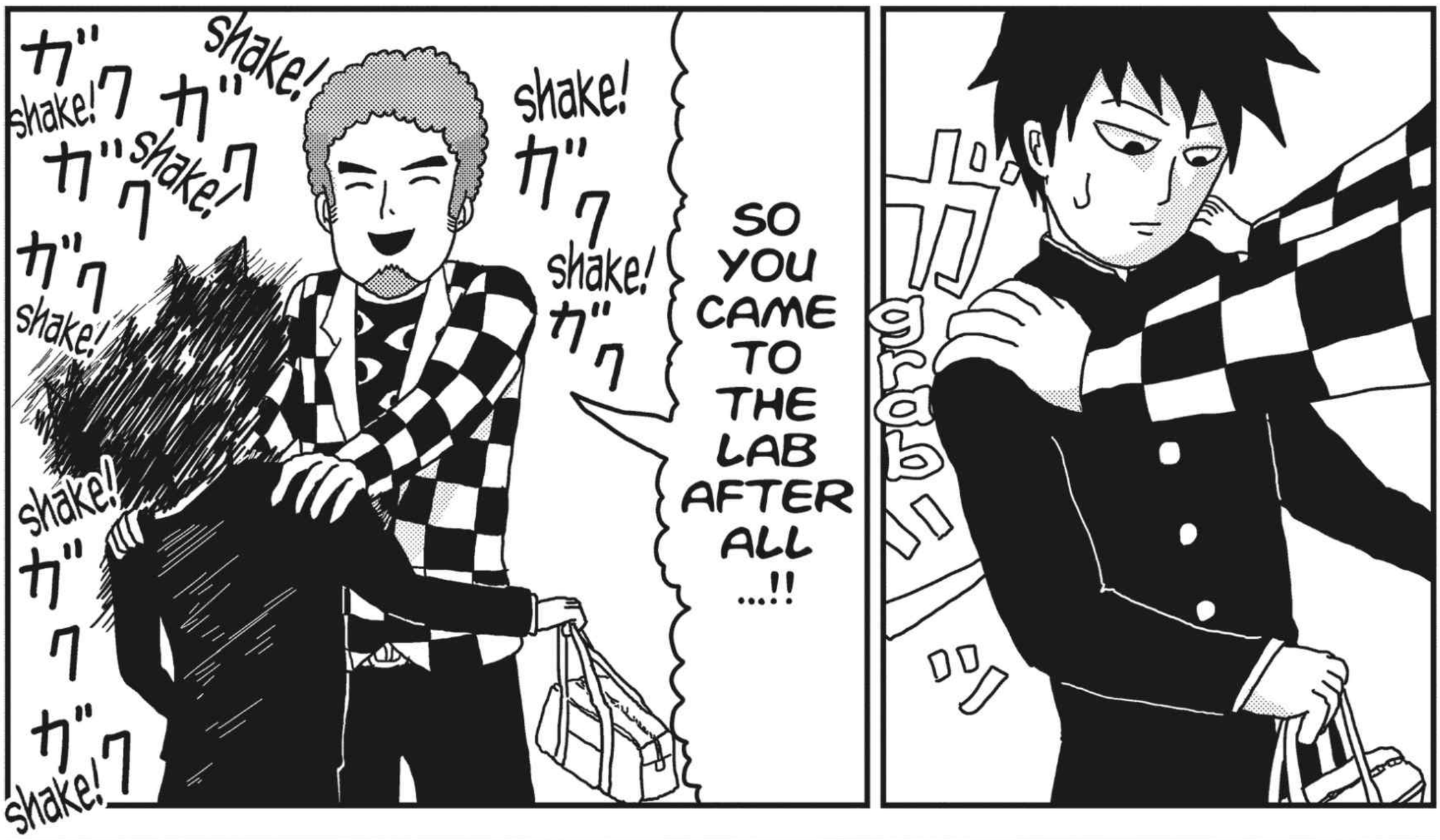
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, KAGE-YAMA ...!!!

...OH-HO...!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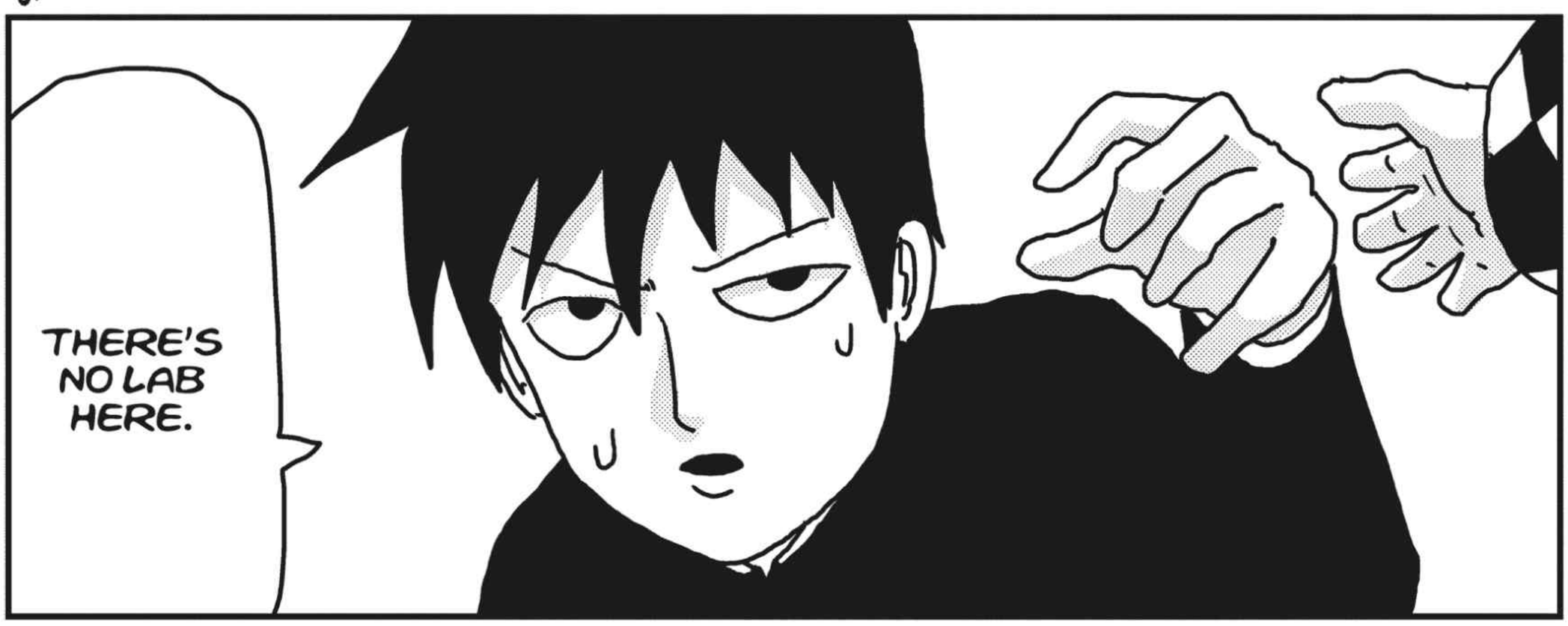
SO YOU CAME TO THE LAB AFTER ALL ...!!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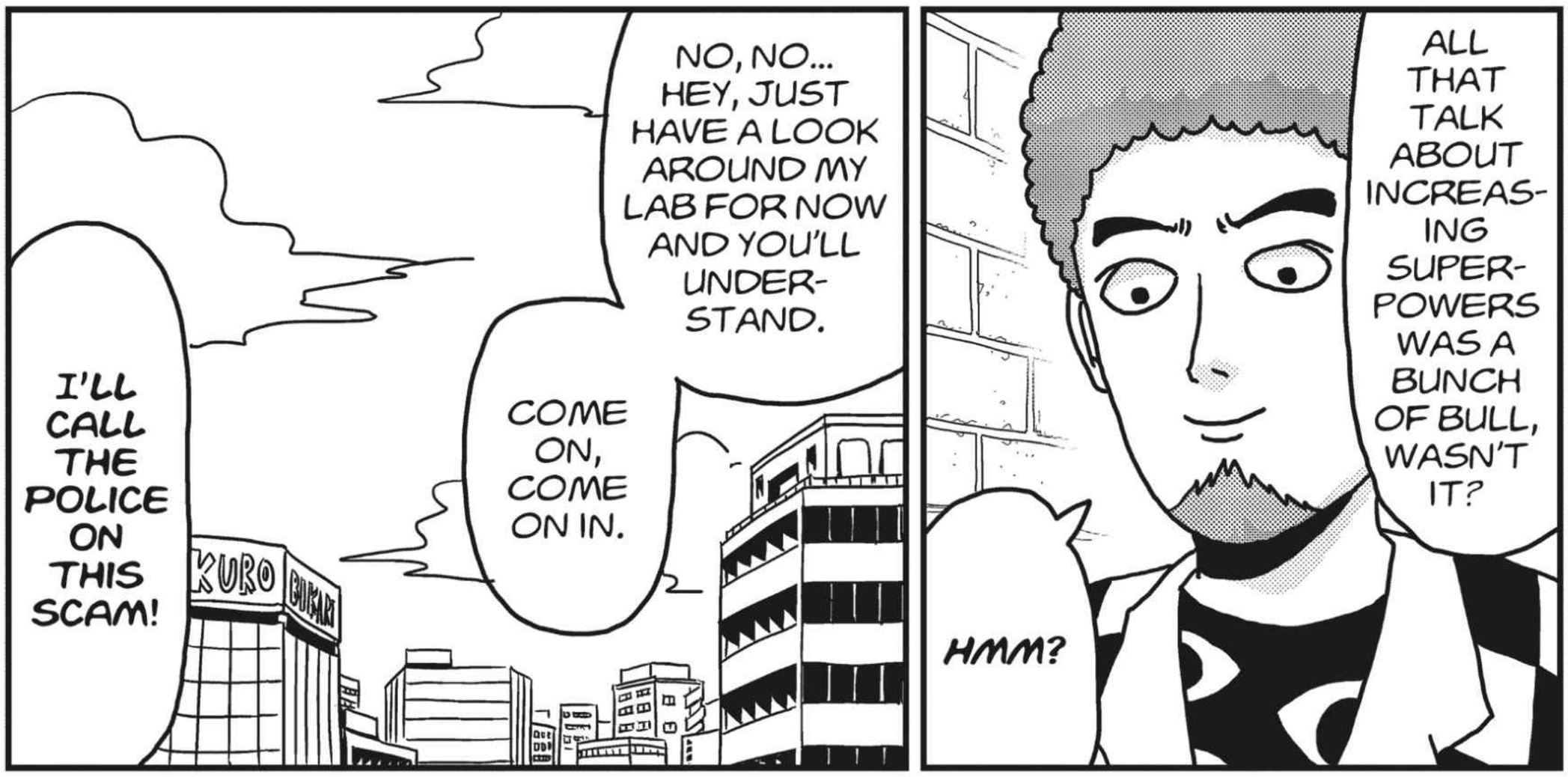
I'LL CALL THE POLICE ON THIS SCAM!
NO, NO... HEY, JUST HAVE A LOOK AROUND MY LAB FOR NOW AND YOU'LL UNDER-STAND.
COME ON, COME ON IN.
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ALL THAT TALK ABOUT INCREAS-ING SUPER-POWERS WAS A BUNCH OF BULL, WASN'T IT?
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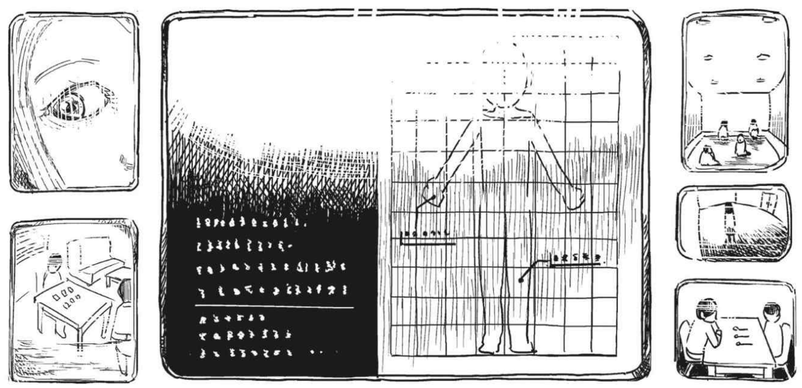
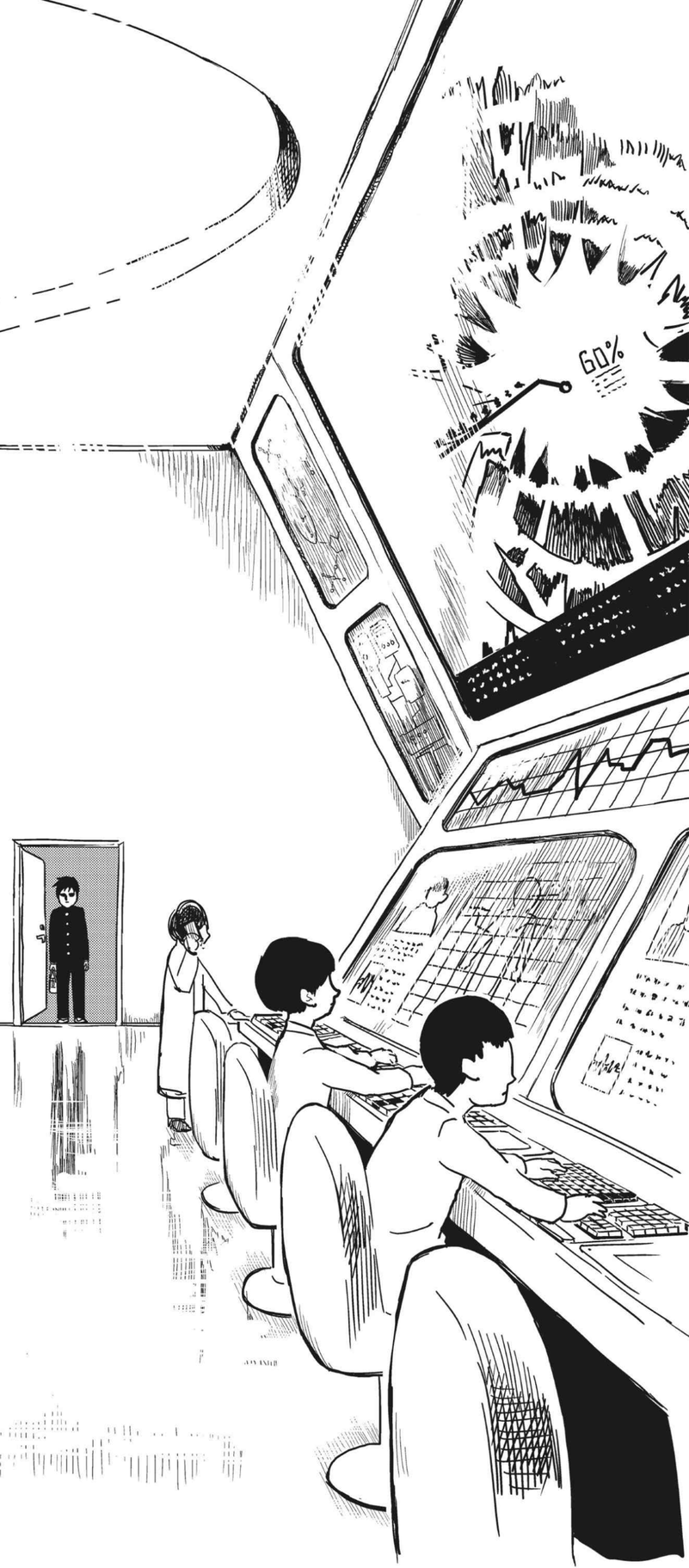
BEFORE YOU MAKE THAT CALL...

...WELCOME TO THE AWAKENING LAB.

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...WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?

ONE FLOOR UP IS WHERE WE CONDUCT THE EXPERI-MENTS.

EXPERI-MENTS?

HA, HA! YEAH, IT SURE DOES. I BOUGHT THE BUILDING AND REMODELED IT. AND HIRED THOSE EXPERTS YOU SEE...

IT LOOKS LIKE A BUNCH OF CONDOS FROM THE OUTSIDE...

...IS RE-SEARCH SPACE.

...THEIR BACKGROUND IS IN NEUROSCIENCE AND NEURAL ENGINEERING. AND NOW THIS WHOLE FLOOR...

YES.

ONES OTHER THAN YOU.

YOU MEAN THEY'RE HERE *NOW?*

WHERE WE GET PEOPLE WITH SUPER-HUMAN ABILITIES TO DEMON-STRATE THEIR POWERS.

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IT LOOKS LIKE TWELVE FLOORS FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT INSIDE IT'S ONLY FOUR.

THIS IS FLOOR 2. GO IN AND HAVE A LOOK.

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THEY'RE ALL PRESENT, SO THIS IS PERFECT TIMING.

AH...!

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THAT GUY...

TOME!

WHO? WHO?! HIM...?!

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HUH? WHAT?! WHAT?! DID YOU FIND A SUPER-HUMAN...?!

OH. YOU'RE RIGHT.

NO, IT'S...

...I JUST THOUGHT THAT GUY HAD WILD HAIR.

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rumble ゴ…

OW...I MEAN, NO--I'M BEING SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

THIS ISN'T A GAME ...!

THERE'S NO REASON YOU'D NECES-SARILY FIND ONE IN A GIVEN DAY...

...AND DO PEOPLE WITH TELE-PATHY ACTUALLY EXIST IN THE FIRST PLACE?

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO HOME TODAY UNTIL YOU FIND ME A TELE-PATH!

THIS IS THE PRE-CIOUS, LONG-AWAITED DAY WHEN YOU COULD HELP ME, MOB!

DON'T WASTE OUR TIME!

JUST LIKE IT'S NORMAL THAT I'M CUTE AND SMART BY NATURE.

IF YOU SAY SO.

EXCEPT FOR YOU, IT'S REAL... ***NOR-MAL!***

SO WHY CAN'T THERE BE PEOPLE FOR WHOM TELEPATHY IS NORMAL, TOO...?

HEY, YOU! MAKING ***DUMB-BELLS FLY THROUGH THE AIR*** WITH YOUR MIND IS A FANTASY, TOO!!

SEND-ING MES-SAGES TO PEOPLE WITH MEN-TAL WAVES ...

...AND READING PEOPLE'S MINDS...

IT'S ALL A FAN-TASY!

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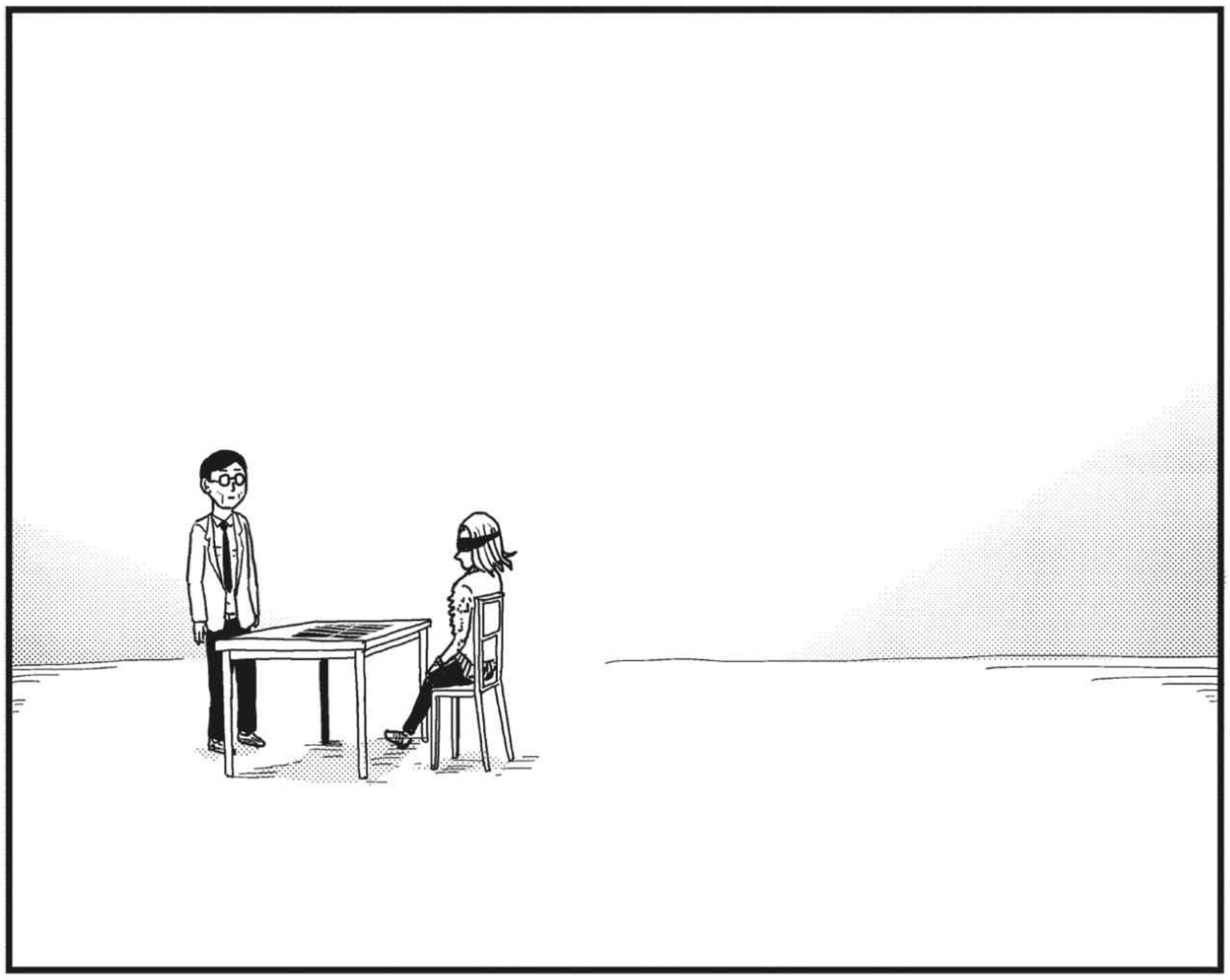
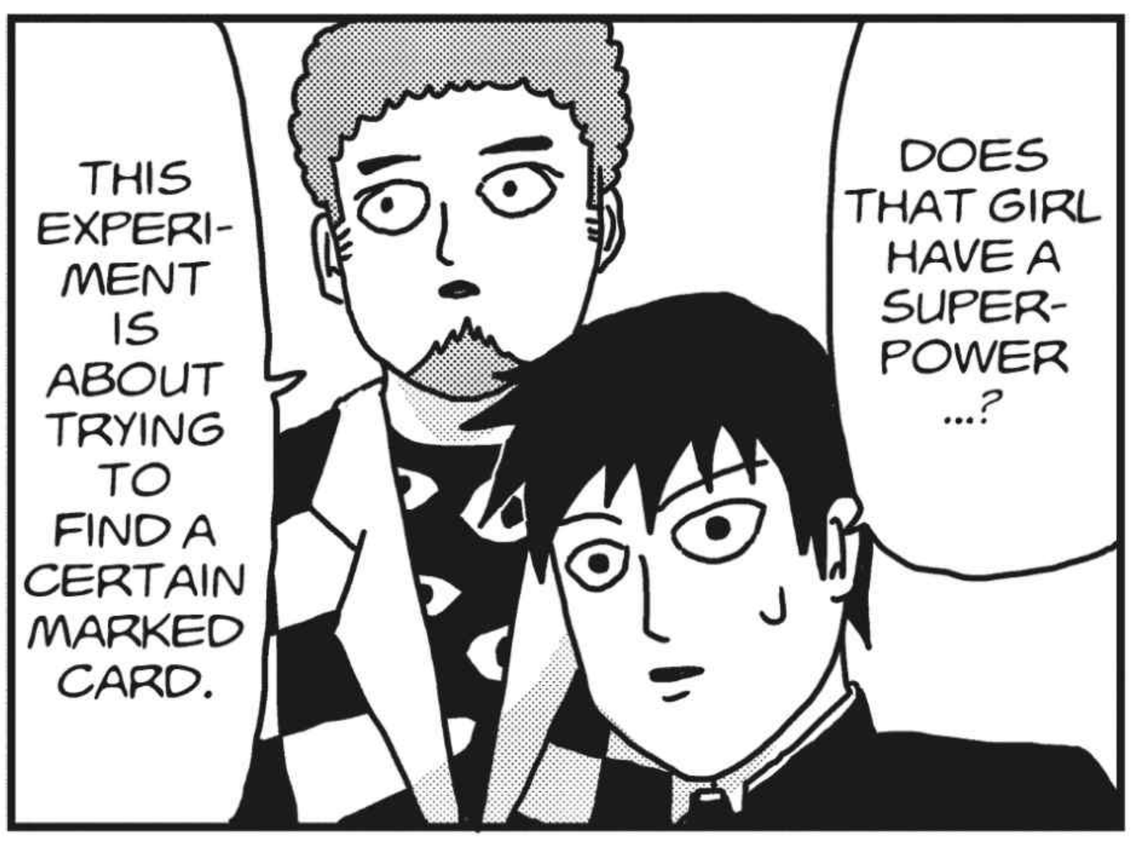
EVERYONE LOOKS AT THE WORLD FROM A SUBTLY DIFFERENT PERSPEC-TIVE.

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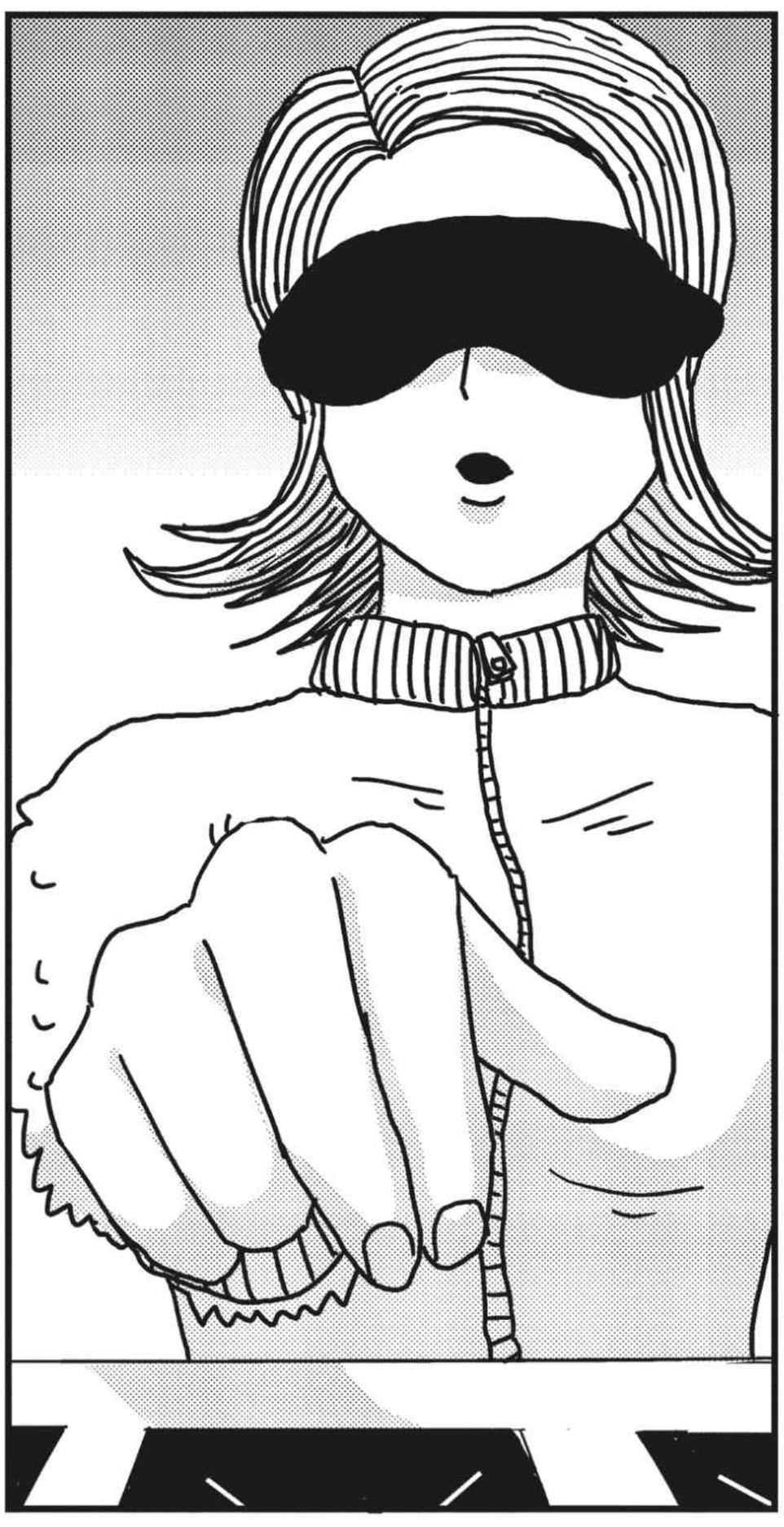
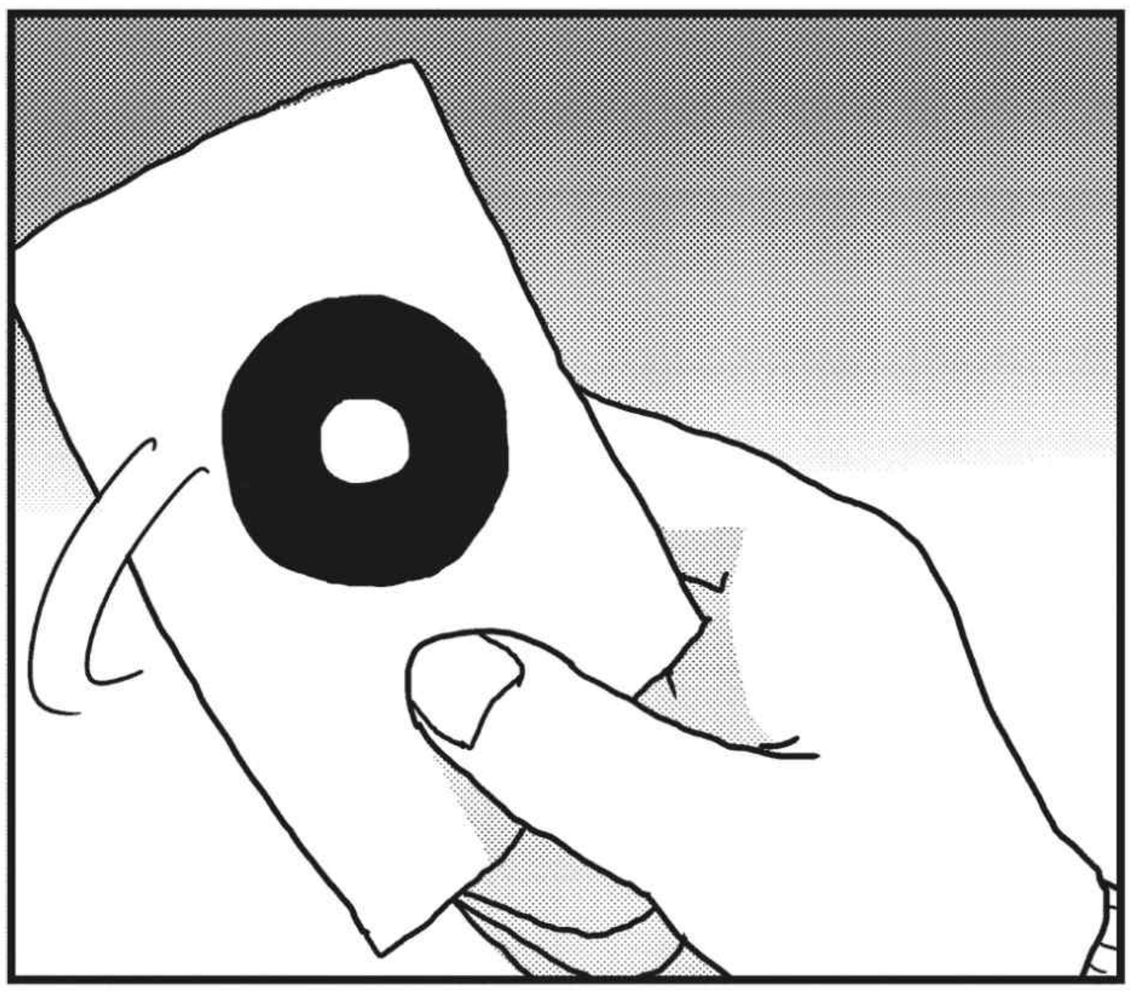
DOES THAT GIRL HAVE A SUPER-POWER ...?





WELL DONE!

...HUH? YES! I GOT IT RIGHT !!

THAT'S IT...?

WOW! THAT'S INCRED-IBLE, DOC-TOR!

AROUND 60% AFTER OVER 1000 TESTS.

WHAT'S HER PER-CENT-AGE?

WHY DON'T *YOU* TRY IT, KAGEYAMA ...?

AND SHE'S PICKING IT MORE THAN HALF THE TIME!

OUT OF *TEN* CARDS, SHE PICKED THE ONLY ONE WITH THE SYMBOL ON IT.

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...IT'S THIS ONE!!

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...IT HAS NO MEANING IF YOU TRY AGAIN.

UH...

...KAGE-YAMA?

NOW... SHALL I **REALLY** TRY THIS TIME...?

I GOT IT AGAIN ...!

YAY!

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SO, FOR EXAMPLE, SHE CAN'T BEND SPOONS.

HER SPECIALTY IS CHOOSING THE ONE THING THAT DIFFERS FROM AMONGST A GROUP.

IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE *MANY* VARIETIES OF POWERS ONE CAN POSSESS.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE THE RIGHT CARD, KAGEYAMA.

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SUCH DISPLAYS OF TELEKINESIS ARE POPULAR ON OCCULT TV SHOWS... BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT IT'S LIKE IN REALITY.

YOU CAN BEND SPOONS, CAN'T YOU, KAGE-YAMA ...?

I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU.

WHY, YES. THEY'RE OVER THERE, PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.

THERE ARE OTHERS ?!

THERE ARE PRESENTLY FIVE KIDS WHO COOP-ERATE IN OUR RESEARCH BESIDES YOU, KAGE-YAMA.

AND HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO FIGURE OUT, MANIPULATE, AND MAGNIFY THESE SUPER-POWERS IN THE FIRST PLACE...?

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WHY ARE THEY ALL *KIDS...?*

...AND WHAT'S YOUR AIM IN RESEARCHING THEIR SUPER-POWERS?

HANG ON A MOMENT, PLEASE.

WELL, YOU SEE...

...

I HAVE THE MONEY AND LEISURE TO DO SOMETHING...

BUT...

I *MYSELF* AM NOTHING SPECIAL.

I HAPPEN TO BE THE SON OF A CERTAIN WEALTHY FAMILY.

BUT I'M NO ONE.

I DON'T WANT TO DO SOME-THING...

...I WANT TO *BECOME* SOME-THING!

NO MORE THAN LAYING THE GROUND-WORK...IN ORDER TO CHANGE INTO SOME-THING.

YOUR JOB, INCOME, STUDIES, ROMANCES... THESE ARE ALL NO MORE THAN MEANS.

ORGAN-ISMS LIVE IN ORDER TO PASS ON BETTER GENES.

ALL PEOPLE FUNDAMEN-TALLY WISH TO CHANGE TO SOMETHING ELSE AT THE CELLULAR LEVEL.

...YOU WANT TO GO BEYOND THAT AND BECOME A SUPER-HUMAN ?

SO...

I WANT TO BECOME A SUPERHU-MAN MYSELF! THAT'S WHY I BUILT THIS LABORA-TORY... THAT'S WHAT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO!

YES! I HAVE NO FEELINGS WHATSO-EVER ABOUT SOCIETY... OR THE DEVELOP-MENT OF SCIENCE OR CULTURE!

SO LET'S GET TO THE MAIN POINT.

HAS YOUR RE-SEARCH PRO-DUCED ANY RE-SULTS ...?

I SEE. RAMBLING NONSENSE SPAWNED FROM THE PIPE DREAMS OF A USELESS ADULT.

...BUT LISTENING TO HIM, HIS MOTIVES ARE AT LEAST UNDER-STANDABLE.

THIS MR. MITSU-URA...

...DOESN'T SMELL FISHY LIKE A CERTAIN SELF-STYLED SPIRIT MEDIUM.

HA, HA!

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME TAKING HIM SO SERIOUSLY.

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BOOM!!

WHAT'S THIS, MISTER ...?

YOU'VE BROUGHT IN ANOTHER ONE...?!

DID HE OFFER YOU SOME SPENDING MONEY TO COME HERE TOO...?

YES...USING THE COMBINED RESOURCES OF THE MITSUURA GROUP, WE COLLECTED ALL THE INFORMATION AND RUMORS WE COULD ABOUT SUPER-HUMANS.

MOST OF THE INFO ON ADULTS PROVED TO BE FAKE OR PARLOR TRICKS.

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HE'S FINDING THEM ONE AFTER THE NEXT!

WHAT KIND OF POWER DO YOU HAVE?

LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU...

...TO THE SUPER-HUMANS I'VE FOUND!!

BUT THE RU-MORS ABOUT KIDS...

...THOSE HAD MORE TRUTH IN THEM. AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO FIND YOU ALL...THE REAL DEAL.

KHOOM!!

THE SHIRATORI BROTHERS--DAICHI AND KAITO!

TELEPATHS!

GO ASAHI!

PYROKINETIC!

REI KUROSAKI!

CLAIRVOYANT!

TAKESHI HOSHINO!

TELEKINETIC!

PLEASED!

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I HOPE YOU'LL BE FRIENDLY TOWARDS HIM.

THIS IS SHIGEO KAGE-YAMA.

I'M ALWAYS EX-TREMELY ATTEN-TIVE ABOUT HOW THEY'RE TREAT-ED!

WHAT A THING TO SAY ABOUT SOME-ONE!

...DID MR. MITSUURA DO SOMETHING TO ALL OF YOU?

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JUST AS I SUP-POSED IT WOULD ...

AND ACTUALLY, MISS KUROSAKI'S ACCURACY WITH THE CARDS HAS IMPROVED SINCE SHE STARTED COMING HERE.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO DEFENSIVE. THE DUDE'S INNOCENT. HE REALLY IS JUST OBSESSED WITH SUPER-POWERS. WE GET 3000 YEN AN HOUR, AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS...

...DEMON-STRATE OUR POWERS FOR HIM. THE REST OF THE TIME WE'RE ALLOWED TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES OR WHATEVER. IT'S EASY WORK.

I BELIEVE THERE IS A HINT TO *AWAK-ENING* THEM, HERE SOME-WHERE ...!!

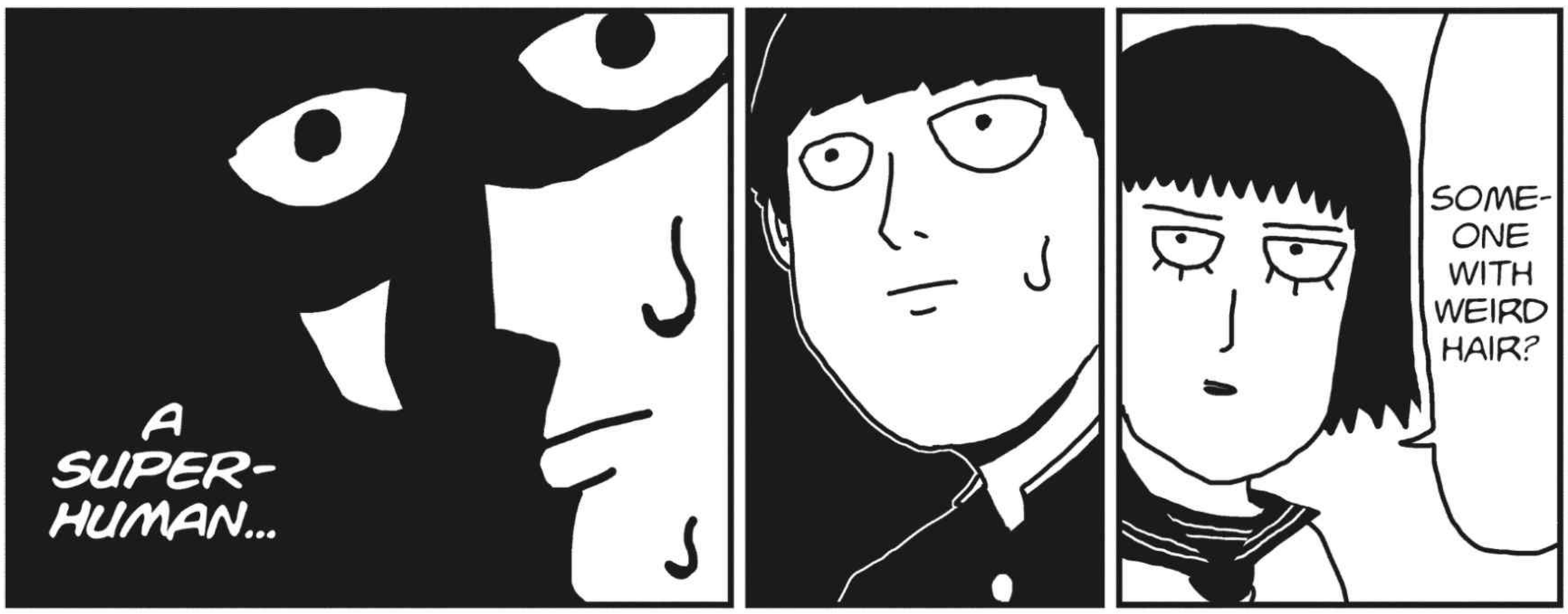
...I WONDER IF BEING IN CONTACT WITH YOUR FELLOW SUPER-HUMANS MIGHT TRIGGER SOME SORT OF STIMULUS THAT AMPLIFIES YOUR POWERS...

BUT IF THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESEARCH IS TO MAKE MR. MITSUURA'S PIPE DREAMS A REALITY... THEN I'M INTERESTED. AFTER ALL, MY WHOLE GOAL...MY WHOLE LIFE...

...UNLIKE THEM, I'M NOT A SUPER-HUMAN.

...HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO REACH THAT STAN-DARD.

THERE...


A SUPER-HUMAN...
SOME-ONE WITH WEIRD HAIR?

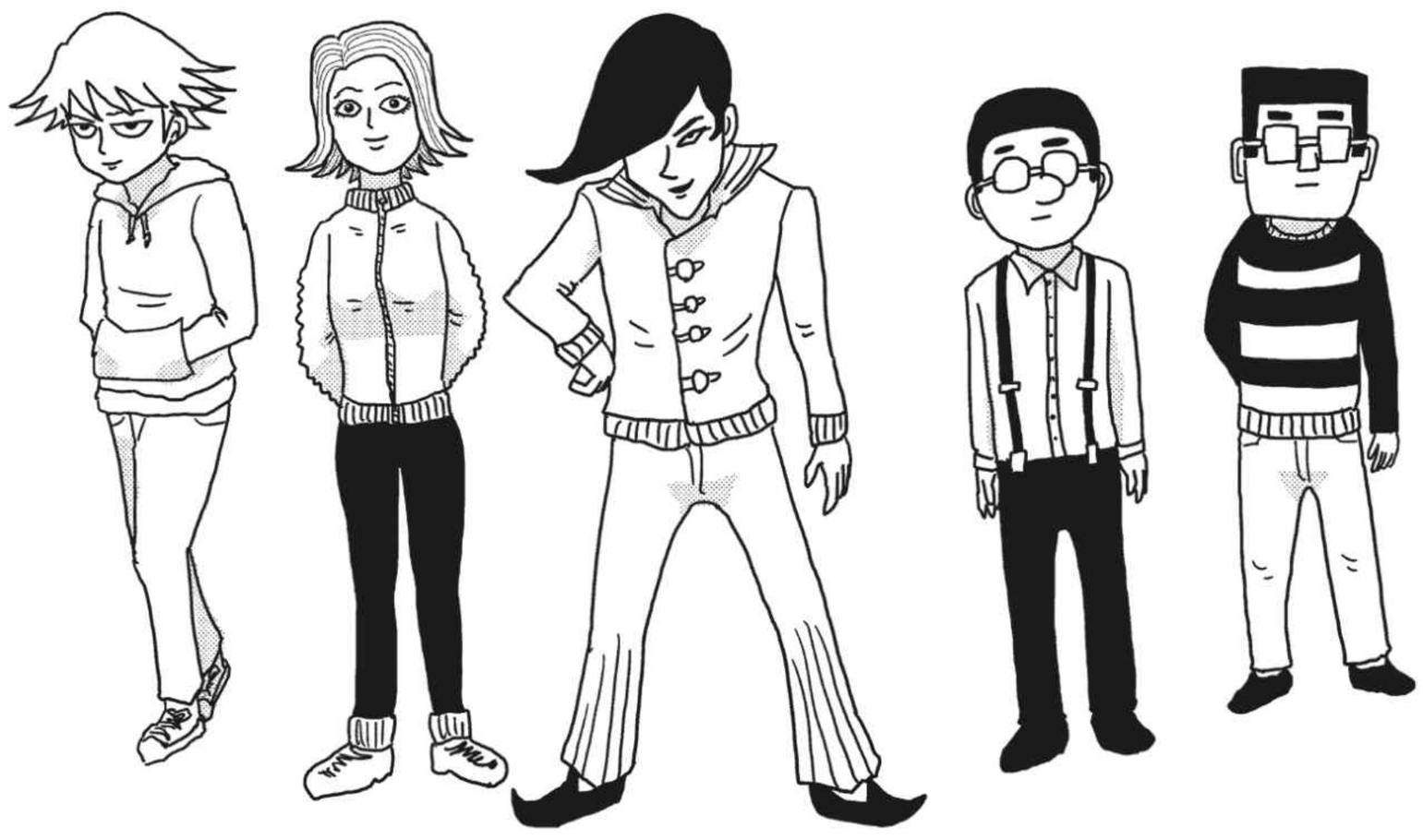
NOT A KID... A GROWN-UP...

...SORRY, MISS TOME. MY MIS-TAKE.

MOB, LOOK! DOESN'T THAT PERSON HAVE TOTALLY WEIRD HAIR?!

I FEEL KIND OF... CREEPED OUT...

BUT WHAT'S THIS FEELING I'M HAVING...?



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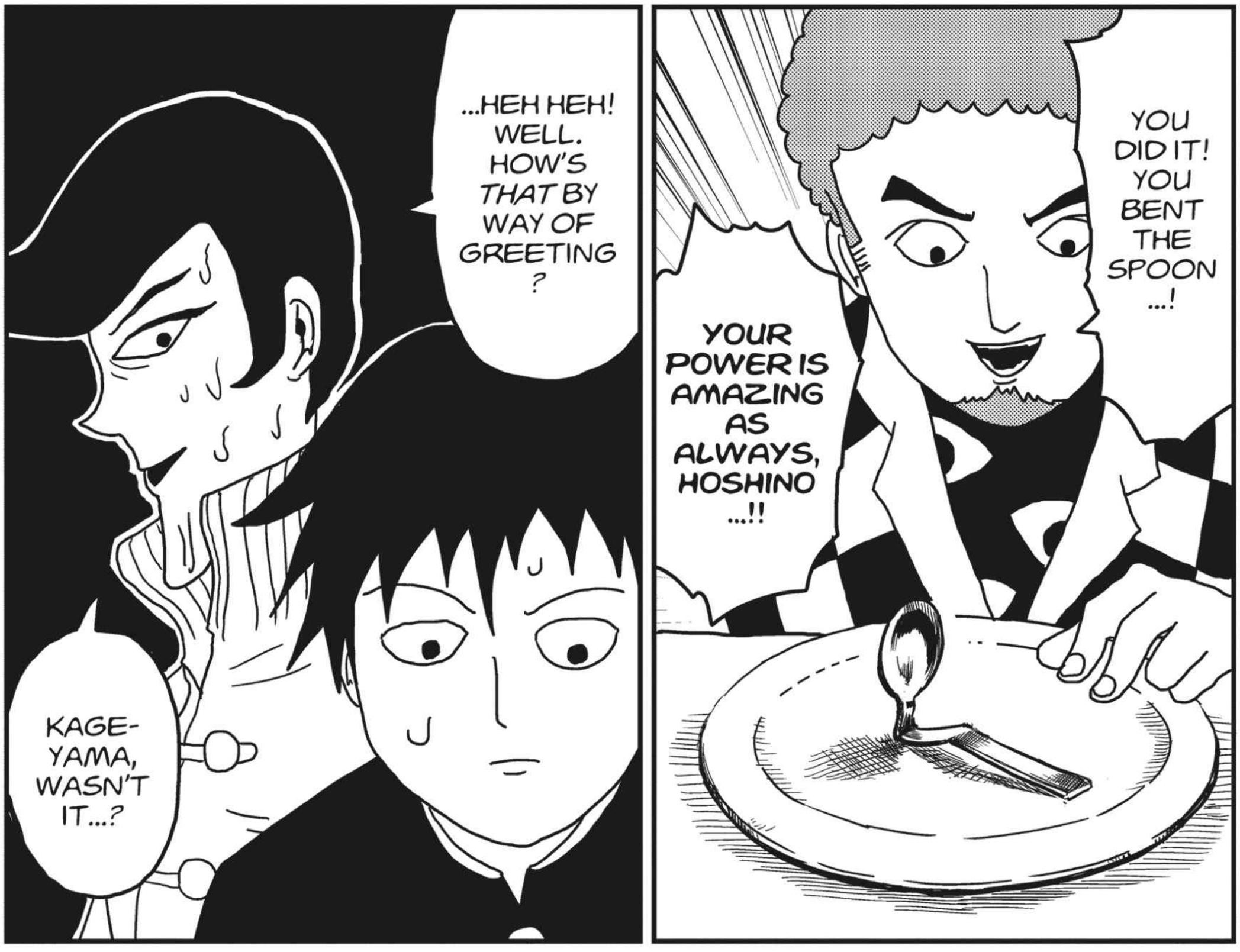

...HMPH!

QUIET, EH? YOU SEEM DAZED BY MY TELE-KINESIS.

MERE RUN-OF-THE-MILL ENERGY WON'T BEND IT LIKE THAT...!

CAN *YOU* BEND A SPOON TO AN ANGLE THAT SHARP...?

...

...IS SUP-POSED TO BE "AMAZ-ING" ?!?

THIS...

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CHECK IT.

OKAY. I'M UP NEXT.

PYROKINESIS...

...IGNITE!!!

IGNITE!!

IGNITE!

...WHAT THE? HEY!

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YES! FLAME ON...

HOW-ZAT, HUH?! I'M KILLIN' IT!!

...OH, IT'S OUT.

THEY CAN KNOW EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS EVEN WHEN THEY'RE APART!!

THE SHIRA-TORI BRO-THERS ARE ALSO INCRED-IBLE!

THAT WAS ASAHI'S FEARSOME PYRO-KINESIS...!

LIKE A 100-YEN LIGHT-ER.

FOR INSTANCE, THEY CAN CHOOSE CARDS WITH THE SAME SYMBOLS ON THEM WITHOUT ANY SIGNALS OR CUES!

OH. WOW ...

GUESS YOU DON'T NEED EMAIL THEN...

AND YOU SAW MISS KURO-SAKI BE-FORE.

SHE HAS TRULY EXCEP-TIONAL CLAIR-VOY-ANCE!

AM I...

...DIS-AP-POINT-ED?

NO. I'M RE-LIEVED.

IF THESE ARE SUPER POWERS, THEY SEEM LIKE EVEN I COULD DO IT.

UH... WELL ...

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...SHOW US YOUR POWER, KAGE-YAMA.

YOU CAN BEND SPOONS TOO, RIGHT ...?

RIGHT NOW? I'M NOT FEEL-ING...

...WELL.

...OH? THAT'S TOO BAD.

KAMURO
神室

OH! SHINJI! YOU'RE BACK NOW?

YOU NEED TO GO SEE YOUR TUTOR!

I KNOW, MOM...

...I'M HOME.

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...WERE YOU AT STUDENT COUNCIL AGAIN? YOU REALLY NEED TO CUT BACK ON YOUR FUN AND GAMES.

...

...

AREN'T YOUR PRIORITIES OUT OF PLACE...?

...FAILED TO RANK FIRST PLACE AGAIN RECENTLY, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT TAKUYA IS A TOP STUDENT, TOO. AND YOU...

...BUT MY BIG BRO WAS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOO, WASN'T HE...?

I'LL GET IT PERFECT NEXT TIME!

I WON'T CAUSE YOU GUYS ANY MORE EMBARRASSMENT.

I CAME IN FOURTH LAST TIME... BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF CARELESS MISTAKES.

IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M IN STUDENT COUNCIL. I STILL STUDY THE SAME.

AND IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOUR APPLICATIONS, RIGHT...? SO THAT'S WHY I DO IT.

I'M COM-PLETE-LY EM-BAR-RAS-SED BY YOU.

YOU'D BETTER NOT.

...MINE IS ABOVE 70. YOU STILL HAVEN'T REACHED 70, HAVE YOU, SHINJI...?

A STAN-DARD SCORE DEVIA-TION OF 50 IS AVER-AGE, SHINJI.

TA-KUYA, YOU'RE SO GOOD AT EVERY-THING!

SHINJI, YOU REALLY *MUST* LEARN FROM YOUR BROTHER!

YOU HAVEN'T WON A SINGLE VIOLIN, ART, OR CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION. YOU BECAME COUNCIL PRESIDENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO TALENTS, RIGHT?

WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE TIME TO STUDY. ARE YOU JUST GOOFING-AROUND?

BIG... BRO-THER ...

ARE YOU REALLY MY BRO-THER?

YOU'RE HOPELESS IN SPORTS AND ACADEMICS. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU *CAN* DO?

HOW MUCH DO YOU INTEND TO DISAPPOINT MOM AND DAD? SHINJI. YOU WERE BORN AND RAISED IN THE ELITE KAMURO FAMILY. THAT'S ENOUGH OF YOUR PATHETIC LACK OF FILIAL PIETY. YOU SAID YOU'D TRY TO LEARN FROM ME, BUT YOU DON'T IN THE LEAST. JUST BEING RELATED TO YOU CAUSES US TROUBLE. HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU SLEEP? WHAT KIND OF EXAM STUDENT SLEEPS MORE THAN FOUR HOURS? IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT MUCH, THEN YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE SUFFERING FOR YOUR EXAMS, BUT YOU'RE ONLY IMAGINING IT. IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE SUCH A PERSECUTION COMPLEX. IF YOU USED YOUR ACTIVE HOURS TO THE FULLEST THEN YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A DEVIATION OF LESS THAN 70...

...SO SHAPE UP, WOULD YOU.

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AGAIN AND AGAIN, THINGS COME UP...

...WHICH HAVE TO BE MADE, AND HAVE TO BE DONE.

IN ORDER TO BECOME WHAT YOU WANT TO BE...

...IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE WHAT YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE...

...WHAT IF THEY'RE IN A PLACE THAT HARD WORK CAN'T REACH...?

SPACE AND YOU

MOST OF THESE THINGS CAN ONLY BE REACHED WITH HARD WORK, BUT...

SO, YES, OF COURSE. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO HELP.

THAT IS... MY ROLE.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN LIFE THAT CANNOT BE OVERCOME ALONE.

I'M A SPIRIT MED-IUM.

I'LL TRY TO DO... SOME-THING.

REALLY ?! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOME-THING ...?!

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...IT WOULD BE AROUND *HERE* ON THE MAP, WOULDN'T IT...?

I SEE. IF A CREEPY SPIRIT HAS BEEN HAUNTING YOUR NEIGH-BORHOOD LATELY...

YES. FIRST, THERE'S THE BASIC PLAN ...

...

AHEM. ANYWAY, THE EXORCISM PRICE DIFFERS UPON THE PLAN YOU CHOOSE.

PLAN?!

...YOU MUST KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND THIS AREA.

EH? ISN'T YOUR HOUSE AROUND HERE, MOB ...?

...USE OTHER PEOPLE. NO MORE, NO LESS.

PEOPLE...

I HEARD FROM YOUR TEACHER, RITSU.

SHE SAID YOU GOT A PERFECT SCORE ON A QUIZ... AGAIN!

UM, NOT REALLY. I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.
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THAT'S AMAZ-ING...
IT'S NOT ALL THAT MUCH...
YES!
BUT THAT'S MORE THAN TEN TIMES IN A ROW, RIGHT?
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...
...YOU SHOULD LEARN FROM HIM, SHIGEO.
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THAT BOY BROUGHT HIS MOUTH TO THE DINNER TABLE...BUT THE REST OF HIS HEAD IS WHO KNOWS WHERE...
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...OH.

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MOM, DO YOU HAVE AN-OTHER SPOON ?

DID YOU BEND AN-OTHER ONE ...?!

ON THAT POINT, RITSU ALWAYS HAS A GOOD GRIP ON THINGS.

MAYBE IT'S TO MAKE UP FOR YOU, SHIGEO ...?

LOOK AT YOU! THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU WERE SPACING OUT! CAN'T YOU ACT YOUR AGE WHEN YOU EAT, SHIGE?

I WAS THINK-ING ABOUT STUFF... SORRY.

...

LOOK. RITSU IS SO SHOCK-ED, HE'S EATING QUIET-LY.

HE REALLY IS A GOOD BOY.

LEARN A LITTLE FROM HIM, SHIGE.

...WEIRD THINGS.

IT'S TRUE. RITSU DOESN'T DO...

WOULD YOU GET OVER THAT HABIT ALREADY ...?

HUH...? BUT IT JUST HAPPENS BY ITSELF SOME-TIMES.

HA HA HA! WHAT, LIKE A FART ?!

DEAR! WE'RE AT THE DIN-NER TABLE !

I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU CALLED ME HERE THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING...

I'M WARNING YOU AS A FRIEND...

STUDENT COUNCIL

TO SAY THIS... ...TO YOU.

...CALL OFF THIS NONSENSE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAMURO.

I NEVER KNEW IT WOULD TURN INTO THIS.

IT HAS BECOME FAR REMOVED FROM A DISCIPLINARY CRACK-DOWN...IN FACT, IT'S GOING THE COMPLETELY OPPOSITE WAY.

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN? RETHINK THIS. I CAN'T GO ALONG WITH IT ANY FURTHER.

WHY, TO-KU-GA-WA?

YOU VOTED FOR THE BIG CLEAN-UP TOO, DIDN'T YOU...?

...AND IT IS SAD THAT THIS MUST GO DOWN ON YOUR SCHOOL REC-ORD.

EH...?

IT'S UNFOR-TUNATE, THOUGH. AS STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS, WE'VE ENCOURAGED EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE IN SEVENTH GRADE...

IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN STEP DOWN AS VICE PRESI-DENT.

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...I'M SHOCKED. YOU KNOW WHAT MY FAMILY IS LIKE... I EXPECT *YOURS* WILL TAKE THIS DISMISSAL SERIOUSLY.

KAMURO... ARE YOU REALLY... THAT PETTY?

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GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL PRESI-DENT KAMURO... VICE PRESI-DENT TOKU-GAWA.

IS HE SERIOUS ...?

...?

THIS IS THE TIME YOU ASKED ME TO BE HERE, ISN'T IT...?

WELL ...

I THOUGHT ONLY YOU AND I WERE GOING TO DO THIS FIRST BIT OF DIRTY WORK.

...WHY IS KAGE-YAMA HERE?

...

ALL THE MORE SO IF YOU'RE STEPPING DOWN.

...HE'S A SMART LAD. I FIGURED WE'D MAKE GOOD PROG-RESS WITH IT IF HE HELPED.

...

?

...DO WHAT YOU LIKE.

BUT I'M OUT.

KAGE-YAMA WOULD NEVER HELP WITH SOME-THING LIKE THIS.

THIS PLAN IS A DISAS-TER.

FOL-LOW ME.

WHAT ARE...

UM ...

WE'RE IN A NINTH GRADE CLASS-ROOM...

...AND *THIS* IS A GIRL'S RE-CORDER BAG.

WAIT...! SIR, WHAT...?

COR-RECT.

WELL... A GIRL'S RE-CORDER ...?

WHAT DO YOU THINK'S INSIDE THE BAG?

...SIR, WHY ARE YOU DOING ALL THIS...?

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IT'S TOO LONG, SO LET'S JUST TAKE THIS MOUTH-PIECE OFF.

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IT WAS SOME-THING LIKE THIS, WASN'T IT?

COULD YOU...

NO... THIS ISN'T IT AT ALL...

...RECITE THE OUTLINE OF "THE BIG CLEAN-UP"...?

"THE STUDENT COUNCIL ACTS ONLY BY THE COLLECTIVE WILL OF ALL THE STUDENTS."

THAT'S OUR OFFICIAL STANCE. BUT IN REALITY, THE COUNCIL WOULD SELECTIVELY SORT THROUGH THE INFO...TO DECIDE WHICH PROBLEM STUDENTS SHOULD BE "CLEANED-UP."

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SECRET INFO

THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS THAT WE...

...WOULD SET UP A SUGGESTIONS BOX THAT WOULD BE FOR ANONYMOUS REPORTING... MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A WAY FOR STUDENTS TO KEEP AN EYE ON EACH OTHER...

SINCE THE REPORTING WAS ANONYMOUS, THERE'D BE NOTHING TO STOP US FROM STUFFING THE BOX WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT OUR SELECTED TARGETS...WE COULD WAVE THEM IN THE FACE OF ANYONE WHO QUESTIONED WHETHER WE WERE REALLY DOING THE STUDENTS' WILL...

SECRET INFO

...THAT WASN'T ALL WE HAD PLANNED.

キュポッ POP

...BUT I CAN SEE I'VE BEEN WRONG!

AND I'VE BEEN FAR TOO SOFT.

KLAKK カチ

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE GOOD AT ASSUMING A VICTIM ROLE, KAGEYAMA... I WAS COUNTING UPON THE COUNCIL...

OF COURSE, MERE PHOTOCOPIES WOULDN'T DO. EACH COUNCIL MEMBER WOULD HAVE THE TASK OF WRITING OUT STATEMENTS THAT SOUNDED INDIVIDUAL... A FALSE ALLEGATIONS SCHEME.

klank
ガチャ……
ス step タ
ス step タ
step スタ
THIS IS ONIGA-WARA'S DESK.
KAGE-YAMA, COULD YOU OPEN THE DRAWER FOR ME?
カタ… rattle

klankk

klankk

STUDENT

WHY WOULD SOMEONE DESTINED TO BE ELITE LIKE YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS, SIR...?

THIS IS IMMORAL.

...WE HAVE THE TARGETS EXPELLED!

WE CREATE THE INCIDENT... WE PLANT THE EVIDENCE...

YOU MUST SEE IT TOO, DON'T YOU...?

IT'S NO MORE THAN AN IMAGINARY VERSION OF MYSELF.

THAT'S JUST HOW OTHER PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED TO PACKAGE ME.

ELITE? WHO DECIDED THAT?

TUDENT

YO! COULDN'T BEND A SPOON AGAIN?

WELL, DON'T LET IT RATTLE YOU. I'M JUST SO AWESOME NO ONE ELSE CAN COM-PARE!

WELL, THAT'S FINE. JUST TAKE IT EASY AND HELP US OUT WHEN YOU CAN.

NOT FEELING WELL TODAY EITHER?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY LESSONS?

...THAT YOUR REPUTATION IN THE EYES OF OTHERS DOESN'T ACTUALLY FIT WHO YOU TRULY ARE.

THE TRICK TO BENDING SPOONS? I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

DON'T ACT LIKE YOUR BROTHER.

I...

EVEN I...

YOU'RE A GOOD BOY, RITSU.

TENGA!!
PHONE CALL!!!
nnnggzzzz
nn nngg ggzzz
RRMF...MMFF...
...C'MON ...JUST TRY STARTIN' SHIT--
splashh
AAGHHH!
Leap
WHAT WAS THAT FOR, YOU OLD HAG...?!
THERE'S A CALL FOR YOU. WHAT'S GOING ON?
FOR ME...?
chirp chirp
chirp
THIS EARLY IN THE MORN-ING?
WHO IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW! IT'S A BOY. HE SAYS HE NEEDS TO TALK TO YOU.

MORN-ING!

HI!

HUH?

WHAT THE ...?

LOOK! SOME-ONE TOOK THE END OFF...!

IT'S TRUE! EEK !!

さわっ murmur murmur...

MINE TOO!!

MY RE-CORDER HAS BEEN TAKEN APART...

HUH?!

SOME-ONE ROBBED THE NINTH GRADE HOME-ROOM.

WHOA! WHAT'D THEY TAKE...?

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ...?

WHAT'S UP WITH THE GIRLS IN THE NEXT CLASS?

A STU-DENT DID IT...?

YIKES...

JEEZ! THAT'S GROSS!!

FOR REAL ?!!

THE MOUTH END OF ALL THE RECORD-ERS. WE THINK SOME DUDE'S LICKING THEM...

aaah! eeeek!

kyaaa! noooo!

urk!

gross! aaah!

PRETTY NOISY UP-STAIRS ...

?

WHAT...?!

THEY SAY THAT GUY'S ...

mutter

mutter

murmur murmur

...IN NINTH GRADE TOO ?!

さわ yack!

さわ yack!

ドヨ chatter!

カタカタカタ rattle rattle rattle rattle rattle rattle.....

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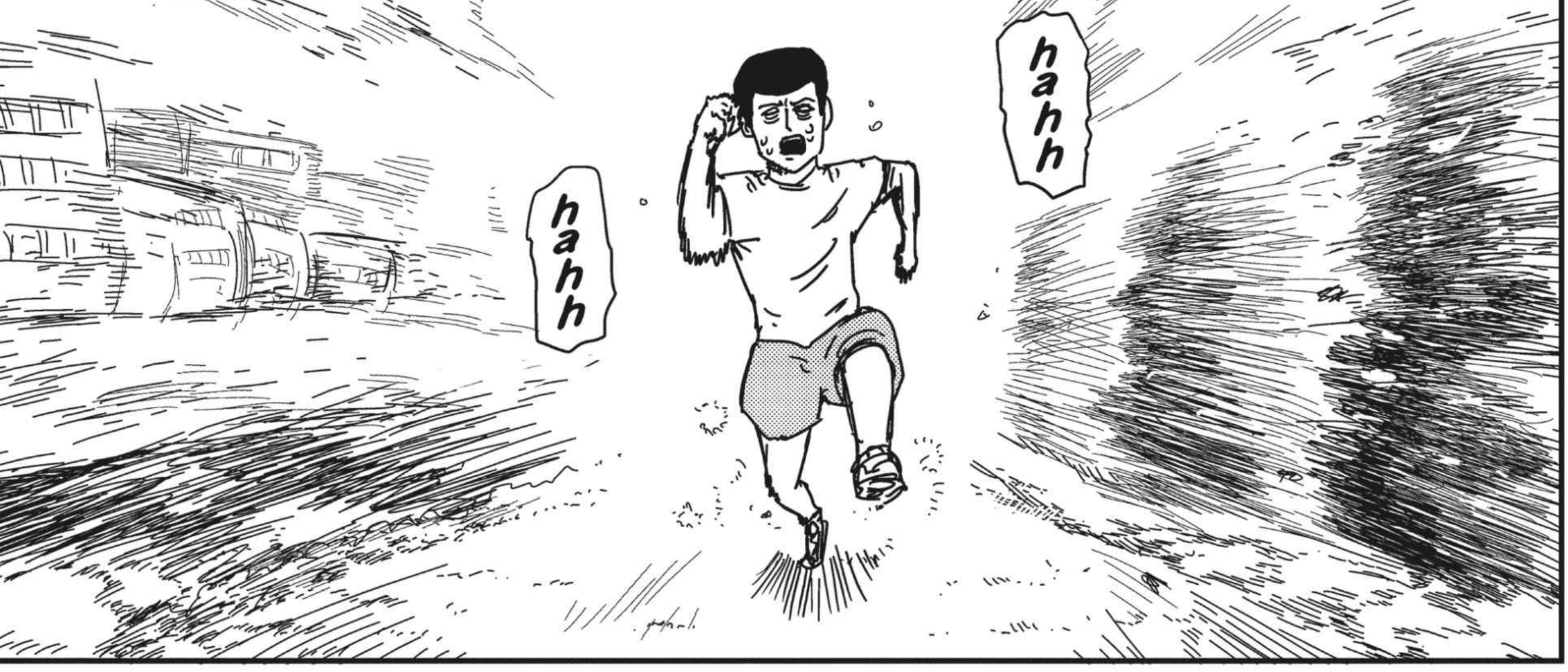

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hahh

I'M JUST TIRED, OKAY? JUST 'CAUSE I'M IN A GANG DON'T MEAN I *SMOKE*, GOD-DAMNIT!

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WHEN YOU CALLED ME UP AN' SAID YOU WANTED TO MEET THIS EARLY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA TELL ME WHO THE SECRET BOSS IS...!!

wheeze

hahh

YES! THAT'S OUR GOAL!

... YOU'RE SHAPING UP WELL, ONIGA-WARA!

...BUT YOU MUST BE POOPED, HUH? YOU OUGHT TO QUIT SMOKING AND IMPROVE YOUR STAMINA!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D KEEP UP WITH ME ON MY EARLY MORNING ROUTINE ...

...YOU DON'T GET FROM FIGHTING.

BUT YOU FEEL GOOD, RIGHT? EXERCISE GIVES YOU SOMETHING ...

...

hahh

WHY THE HELL DID I JUST DO A 5K RUN ...?

DO THAT, AND YOU'LL SEE A NEW WORLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

FIRST, CONQUER YOURSELF.

...PEOPLE WHO OBSESS OVER BEATING THEIR ENEMIES AND LOOKING DOWN ON THEM LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT.

REMEMBER THIS STRUGGLE AND THE EXHILARATION, TENGA...

...!

...!

...IF YOU WANT TO RIVAL HIM, YOU'LL NEED TO CHANGE.

WHITE T POISON IS FIGHTING AGAINST HIMSELF TOO...

OKAY, MAN! SO YOU THINK I GOT ROOM TO IMPROVE ...?!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT ...!

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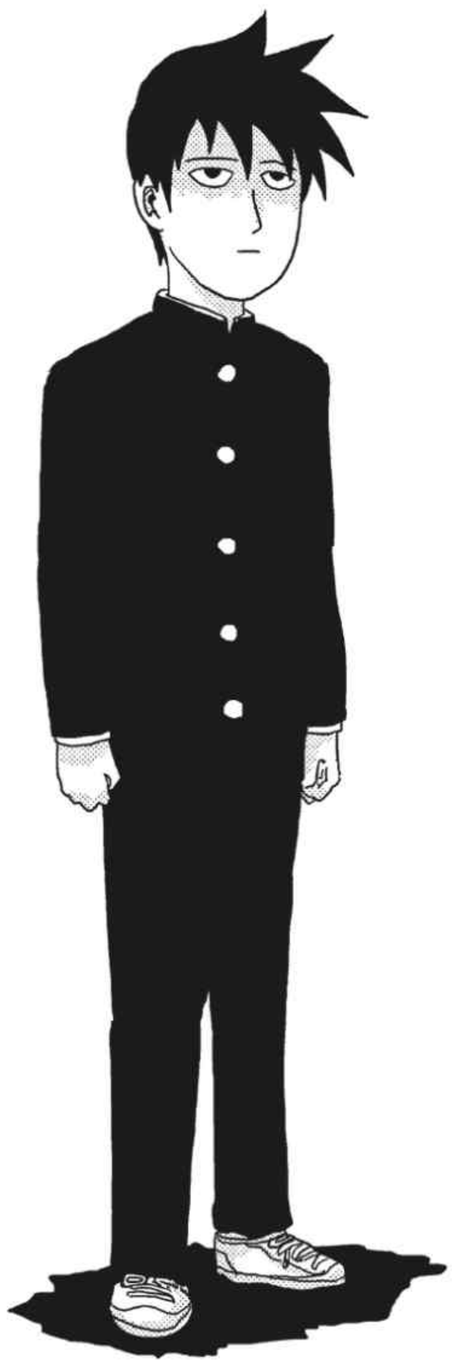
SHALL I GO...?

STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT CO



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TEACHER!

THERE'S BEEN A MAJOR INCIDENT !!

shout! わぎゃ-shout! わぎゃ

CALL THE POLICE! CALL THEM NOW!!

WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE THIS A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN IT IS...

...THE TEACHERS WILL TALK IT OVER FOR NOW, AND THINK OF SOLUTIONS--

HUH ?

WHAT THE HELL IS THERE TO TALK ABOUT ...?

CHAPTER 24: DISGUST

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chatter ざわざわ

TALK IT OVER? ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS THE SCHOOL'S REPU-TATION ...!

DON'T YOU INTEND TO FIND THE CRIMINAL ...?!

WE'VE GOT A *PERVERT* IN THIS SCHOOL ...!!

clop

...?!

KA-MURO? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

shrakk

STUDENT CO

?!

GOOD MORNING!

AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT, IS THERE SOME WAY I CAN HELP, SIR...?

I CAME BECAUSE I HEARD ALL THE UPROAR.

TENGA'S NOT HERE YET...

MR. OKAKURA ...COULD I TALK PRIVATELY TO YOU A MOMENT ...?

OH, I SEE... YOU SAY THE RE-CORDER ENDS HAVE BEEN STOLEN AND ONLY THOSE FROM THE GIRLS ...?

WELL, THIS CERTAINLY IS A SERIOUS INCIDENT ...

...

I CAN LEAVE THIS TO YOU ...?

...I'LL TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY. AFTER ALL, IT'S SORT OF MY JOB TO HELP RESOLVE STUDENT PROBLEMS.

こそ psst psst こそ...

COULD YOU JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME, SIR? YOU JUST BE-CAME ...

...NINTH GRADE HEAD TEACHER. I'M SURE YOU'D RATHER NOT DEAL WITH AN AWKWARD MATTER LIKE THIS...

YES, SIR.

NO, YOU DON'T. IF WE LEAVE THIS TO THE ADULTS, EVEN IF THEY CATCH HIM, THEY WON'T TELL US WHO IT WAS.

THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'LL PROTECT THE SUSPECT'S IDENTITY IN THE NAME OF A FAIR PROCEED-ING.

HUH?!

I'VE ASKED MR. OKA-KURA TO LEAVE ...

...THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL DEAL WITH THIS INCIDENT NOW.

STUDENT COUNCIL? WE WANT THE ***ADULTS*** ON THIS!

THIS ISN'T ABOUT SOMEBODY LITTERING!

WHAT?

silence

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...SO THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN FINDING THE PERPE-TRATOR.

BUT I KNOW NONE OF YOU WILL REST EASY, NOT KNOWING THE IDENTITY OF THE PERVERT LURKING IN THIS SCHOOL...

STUDENT COUNC

MY-SELF AND ONE OTHER COUN-CIL MEM-BER...

...WILL INVES-TIGATE HERE.

SEVENTH GRADER KAGE-YAMA...

...

NO ONE SEEMS TO HAVE CHECKED TENGA'S DESK YET. YOU OPEN IT UP.

STUDENT CO

IN THE DESKS? THAT'S AN INVESTI-GATION ...?

HE'D HAVE TO BE A REAL DOPE TO HIDE THEM THERE...

...LET'S LOOK IN THE DESKS.

WHAMMM

...ONIGAWARA?

WELL, WELL. WHY THE HEAVY BREATH-ING...

hahh

THAT BASTARD MUSASHI... RAN SO FAR ON THAT MORNING RUN...

...I ALMOST RUINED MY **PERFECT ATTEN-DANCE AND PUNCTU-ALITY** RECORD HERE...!

whew~!

hahh

hahh

hahh

HUH? DAMN TEACHER AIN'T EVEN SHOWN UP YET ...?

SOME-THIN' WRONG ...?

EH? WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE, KAMURO ...?

...I FOUND THEM.

YES, THERE IS.

THEY WERE...

...INSIDE ONIGA-WARA'S DESK.

ONIGAWARA!!!

SO IT WAS YOU, EH ...?!

WHO ARE *YOU*, ANY-WAY? YOU A FRESH-MAN?

...?

...WAIT A GODDAMN SECOND...! WHERE DO YOU GET OFF FISHIN' AROUND IN OTHER PEOPLE'S DESKS...?!

HEY. WAIT A...

PER-VERT.

ズーン murmur

HUH?

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ...?

silence

WHO SAID THAT JUST NOW ?!

YOU CALLIN' ME A PER-VERT ?!

WHAT DID YA FIND IN MY DESK...?

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS FACT...?!

RECORDERS STOLEN FROM THE GIRLS. THEY'VE ALL BEEN FOUND IN YOUR DESK, ONIGAWARA.

H-HANG ON A MINUTE! SERI-OUSLY, WHAT'S UP WITH THE VIBE IN HERE ...?

YOU GUYS GONE NUTS ALL OF A SUDDEN? YOU SERIOUSLY THINK I'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?!

ONIGA-WARA, YOU PER-VERT !!

YOU TOOK THEM WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING, AND WANTED TO LICK THEM, DIDN'T YOU?!

RE-CORDERS? NEWS TO ME.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

RIGHT NOW THERE'S STILL TIME! APOLOGIZE TO EVERY-ONE!

WHAT? KAMURO, YOU SON OF A BITCH! I'M GONNA KICK YOUR ASS...!

AM I WRONG ...?

WE DON'T TRUST YOU, AND THAT'S CAUSE ENOUGH.

N"n shake

...BUT WE DO KNOW YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT USES VIO-LENCE AGAINST OTHERS.

WE DON'T KNOW EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU...

I MEAN, IF I *WANTED* TO LICK THEM, WOULDN'T I TAKE THEM HOME AND DO IT IN PRIVATE ...?!

THAT STUFF IN MY DESK-- WAIT! WHY WAS IT IN MY DESK ...?!

W-W-WAIT ...! IT WASN'T ME! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!

THIS ARGU-MENT WILL GO ON FOREVER ...WAS MY SCHEME TOO FORCED AFTER ALL?

BUT VERY WELL. IF I KEEP FANNING THE FLAMES, HE'LL HIT ME, AND END UP CONFIRMING THAT HE'S THE VILLAIN.

SHAME-FUL TO SHIFT BLAME ...

LOOK, EVEN I KNOW IT'S WEIRD THEY'D BE IN MY DESK!

SOME-BODY ELSE MUST HAVE PLANTED THEM...

BUT YOU *ARE* STUPID.

BOT-TOM OF THE GRADE.

IT DON'T MAKE SENSE TO LEAVE STOLEN GOODS AROUND!

THAT WOULD BE TO-TALLY FRIG-GIN' STU-PID!

IT'S YOUR VIO-LENCE THAT'S TWIST-ED.

WH-WHY YOU ...STOP ... TRYIN' TO TWIST MY WORDS!

THEY'RE IN HIS BAG TOO.

M-MY SCHOOL BAG...

I ALWAYS LEAVE IT IN MY CUBBY...

SO HE WAS TAKING SOME HOME.

PUNYA

YOU CAN'T JUST GO THROUGH SOME-ONE'S BAG...!

YOU BASTARD !!

KAGEYAMA...?! DID YOU PREDICT THIS WOULD HAPPEN AND SET THAT EXTRA TRICK UP...?

CLEVER MOVE... CLEVER! YOU'RE REALLY INTO THIS, HUH...?!

ガッ grab

ズカ stomp

ズカ stomp

ズカ stomp

...SO NOW YOU'RE RESORT-ING TO FORCE?

LET GO OF HIM !!

BULLYING KAGEYAMA ...?

THAT PUNK!

PICKING ON A SEVENTH GRADER ?

chatter!

chatter!

murmur!

ざわ yack! ざわざわざわざわ

boo! yack! boo!

どよ boo! どよどよ

どよ yack! どよ

ざわ yack! ざわ

chatter! ざわざわ

どよどよ boo! どよ

murmur!

HAND BACK THOSE RE-CORD-ERS!

WE'LL HAVE TO DISIN-FECT THEM ...

YOU SUCK !!

chatter!

YOU CREEP !

YOU PER-VERT !

PER-VERT !

RUN AWAY, YOU ALL...!

THE PER-VERT HAS LOST IT!!

HE'LL LICK US!

AAAAAA!!

EEEEEK!!

GROSS! GROSS!! GROSS !!!

...FOR HE IS NO LONGER "TENGA THE DEMON" ...BUT "TENGA THE RE-CORDER LICKER"!

STAY AWAY FROM HIM...

...GIMME A GOD-DAMN BREAK!!!!

G-G...

...ISN'T ANY-ONE ON MY SIDE ?!

SOME-ONE...!

...IT WASN'T ME!

NO...!

YOU'RE WRONG...

OH...!

D-don't be so s-stupid ...!

When I grow up, I'm gonna marry you, Tenga!

YOU...

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE ...

THAT'S RIGHT...! MARIKO ...!!

EW... CREEP.

YOU...

Whoosh

Wham!

skiddddd

...HE'S PEEPING AT MY *PANTIES!*

NOW...

THAT DAY, ONIGAWARA'S RECORD OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY WAS RUINED.

HE LEFT CLASS BEFORE LESSONS STARTED.

...YOU PER-VERT !!

YOU'RE DISGUSTING...

DID HE REALLY DO IT ?

...EVERY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL KNOWS NOW HE'S JUST A PERV WITH A RECORDER FETISH.

TENGA THE DEMON, EH...

...YEAH, ABOUT HIM STEALING THE GIRLS' RECORD-ERS...?

YOU HEAR ABOUT ONIGA-WARA ...?

...WHAT'S WRONG, ONIGAWARA? YOU RAN IN SUCH GOOD SPIRITS THIS MORNING.

LEAVE HIM BE. WE'RE GOING TO START OUR RUN, CHIEF.

KAGE-YAMA, LET'S GO.

...

I'VE BEEN SET UP. SOME-THING ...

...IS GOING ON HERE.

YOU DIDN'T DO IT, RIGHT ...?

...

...IN WHICH CASE, YOU OUGHT TO HOLD YOUR HEAD UP!

HE WAS HOPE-LESS! ALL HE'S GOOD AT IS FIGHT-ING! HE DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE WAY OUT OF IT!

HE HAS NO PLACE ANY-MORE. WE TOOK IT FROM HIM!

PFFT! KH KH KH... HEE HEE HEE!!

KAGE-YAMA... DID YOU SEE HOW EMBAR-RASSED AND CON-FUSED ONIGA-WARA LOOKED?

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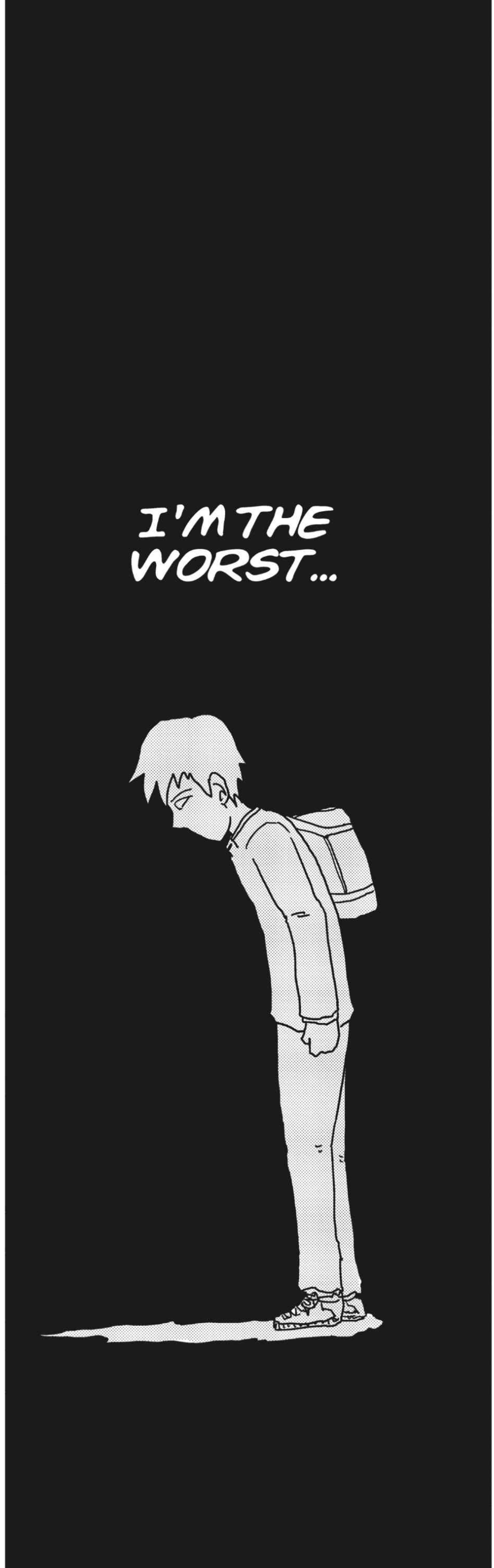

I'M THE WORST...

MAYBE YOU'RE NERVOUS BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT USED TO THE LAB.

EVERYONE HAS SLUMPS.

DON'T BE DOWN IN THE DUMPS JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE HAD A FEW BAD DAYS AT THIS.

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN INTO IT AT ALL TODAY.

WHAT'S WRONG, KAGEYAMA ...?

...THE BIG CLEAN-UP IS JUST BEGINNING!

BUT THIS ISN'T THE END ...!

I'M HOME...!

...BIG BRO-THER!

AH...!

ME, HATE YOU? WHY, TAKUYA ...!!

I THOUGHT YOU HATED ME.

WELL THIS IS RARE. YOU DON'T COME TALK TO ME.

BUT YOU SEE, IN MY OWN WAY, I PRODUCE RESULTS THAT AREN'T JUST ANSWERS TO MATH FORMULAS.

I'M GOING TO PROVE THAT EVEN I WILL LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND.

THE REASON I'VE NEVER BEATEN YOU, BROTHER, IS BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO EMULATE YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT ...?

shake shake shake shake shake shake
ぶるぶる ぶるぶる ぶるぶる
shake shake shake shake shake shake
ぶるぶる ぶるぶる ぶるぶる
PERVERT! PERVERT!
PERVERT... PERVERT!
NO! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
PERVERT!!
..."WE TOOK IT FROM HIM!"
fwoosh

WHAT THE HELL AM I...

...DOING?

UH-OH.

KAGE-YAMA'S CRACK-ED.

Spanggg

HUH?! NOT THAT AGAIN...

WAIT...! C'MON, KAGE-YAMA...

I'M LEAV-ING.

I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS.

SAY!

...MOB'S KID BRO-THER, RIGHT?

MR. REI-GEN ...

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING PROWL-ING AROUND MY NEIGH-BOR-HOOD ...?

YOU'RE BECOM-ING MORE LIKE MOB EVERY DAY!

WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE?

I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN. WHY ARE YOU PROWL-ING AROUND MY NEIGH-BOR-HOOD ?

AS I KEEP SAYING, HE WORKS AT MY BUSINESS OUT OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

IT'S NOT LIKE I PUT MOB TO WORK BECAUSE I'VE GOT SOME HOLD OVER HIM.

ALWAYS WITH THE JABS AT ME...AS USUAL, I SEE.

NO, THANKS. UNLIKE MY BRO-THER, I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL POWERS.

HOW ABOUT SORTING IT OUT YOUR-SELF? I MEAN, BEING A SPIRIT MEDIUM AND ALL.

THIS IS PERFECT. WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH ME AND HELP OUT? MOB'S GOT EXTRACUR-RICULAR ...

AH! RIGHT! I GOT A REQUEST TO EXORCISE A SPOOKY GHOST THAT'S BEEN POPPING UP AROUND HERE RECENTLY ...

SEASONING CITY RESI

MAP

...TWO KINDS!

SOME ONLY THOSE WITH POWER CAN SEE...

AND SOME ORDI-NARY PEOPLE CAN SEE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN A SPIRIT. THEY SAY THERE ARE...

JEEZ ...

...THAT GUY IS AS FISHY AS EVER.

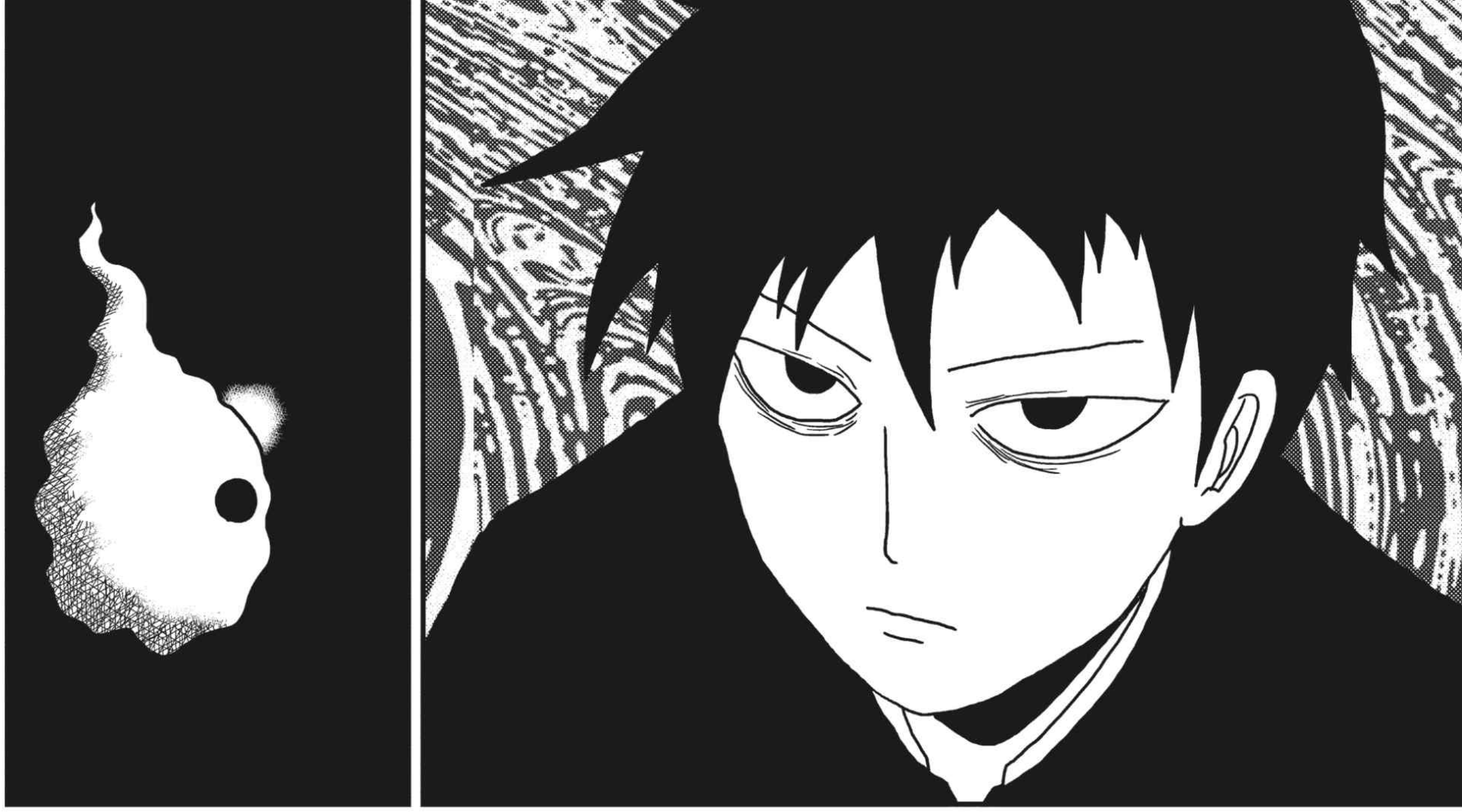
I'VE GOT ABSO-LUTELY ZERO SPIRIT SENSI-TIVITY.

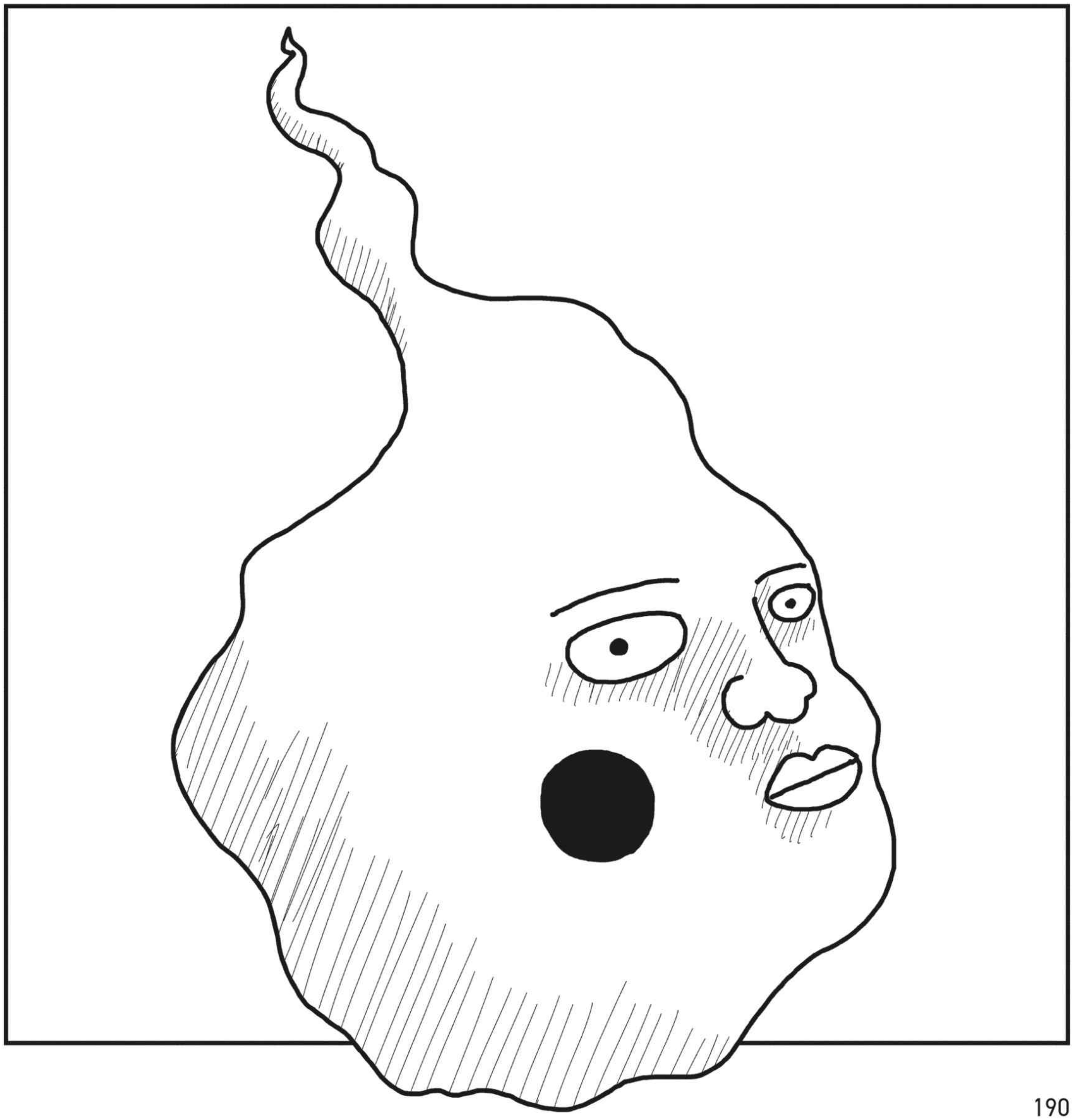
BUT I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN THE KIND ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN SEE.

WHAT'S THAT SNAGGED ON THE FRONT GATE OF OUR HOUSE? LOOKS LIKE SOME CREEPY BALLOON ...

IT'S UTTERLY IRONIC... CONSID-ERING I'M SHIGEO'S YOUNGER BROTHER ...

HM?





MAYBE SOME-THING HAPPENED AT SCHOOL ...?

KEH HEH HEH... THAT'S GUY'S FUNNIER THAN YOU'D THINK.

KAGE-YAMA THREW HIS SPOON, YOU SAY...?

LIKE HE'D BEEN STORING UP SOME KIND OF STRESS ...

YES, HE SEEMED STRANGE.

WELL, YEAH, 'CAUSE HE THREW IT AGAINST THE FLOOR.

HEY...THE SPOON KAGEYAMA DROPPED IS BENT.

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT...

YOU ASK ME, HIS ABILITY IS WEAK.

EVEN WHEN HE'S WITH US, HE'S JUST NOT CLICKING.

COM-PARED TO ME, THE GUY'S JUST AN AMA-TEUR.

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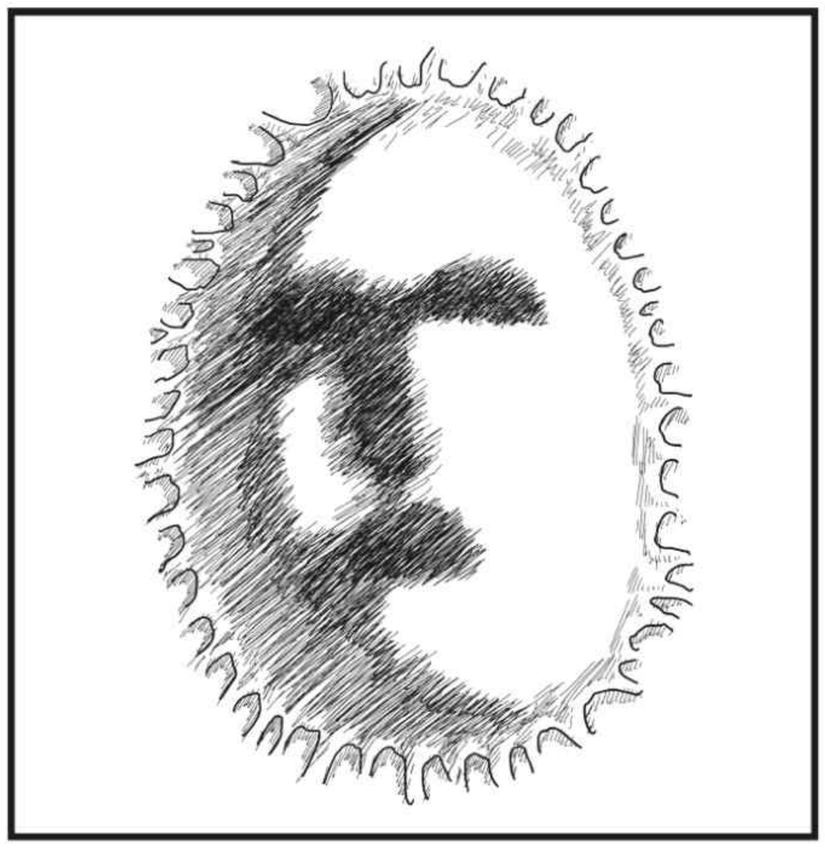

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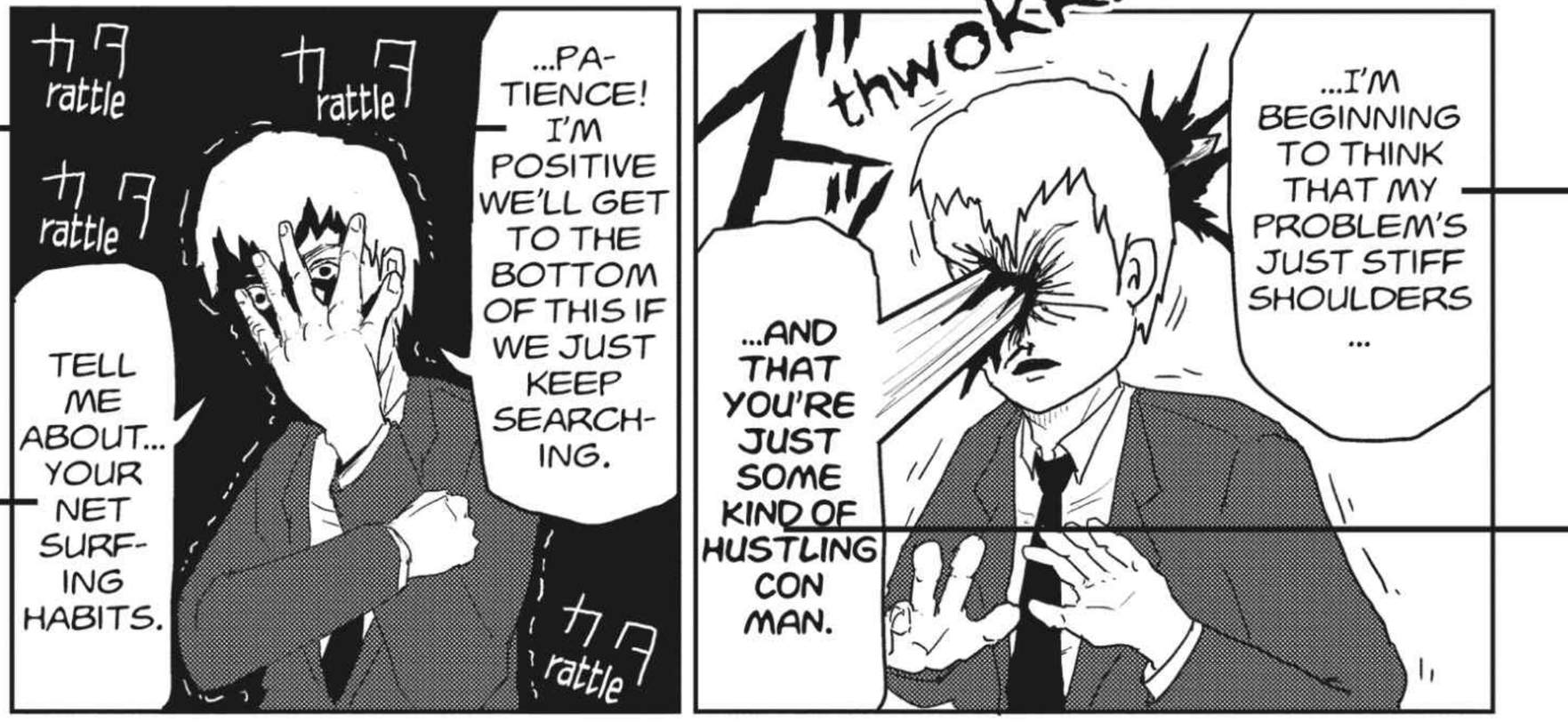
SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE . . .

You sense it, somehow. You suspect this story doesn't really go the way it should. You're suspicious! But a smooth talker like Reigen would know what to say at this point. *"Just flip the book around and start reading it the other way instead."* Aha! So this was really the last page of the book. You're saved! Thank you, Reigen-sensei! *"Now, about my fee . . . "*



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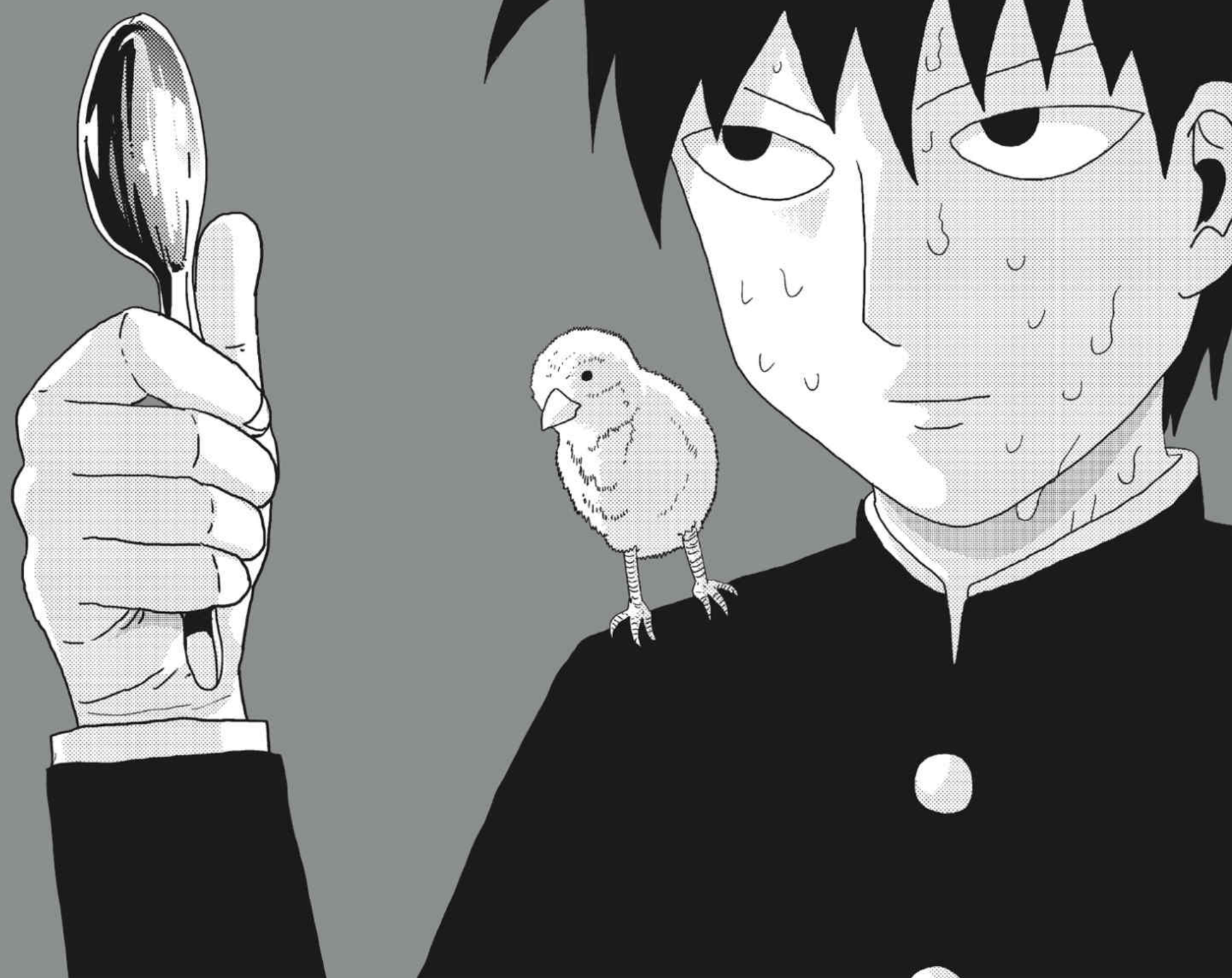
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